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# REPORT OF THE GENERAL BOARD

CHARLES E. MADDRY, *General Secretary*

M. A. HUGGINS, *Acting General Secretary*

For clarity and convenience this Report is divided into several Divisions indicated by a Roman numeral and each Division into sections indicated by a letter of the alphabet. In Division VII, Recommendations, reference is made to that part of the report which contains the information upon which a given recommendation is based.

The report of a year ago points out that the year closing had been one of mingled lights and shadows. The one now closing may be similarly described. Receipts from the state at large for all our work have shown a continuous decline. In spite of this, however, there are many evidences that the spirit of our people is superior to what it was during the peak of prosperity in the years 1925-1929. Reports indicate that gracious revivals have been held, the associations have been well attended, an aggressive program of Training has been followed, and, due doubtless to the effort made last year to promote an Every Member Canvass in the churches, many associations have contributed more this year than last. For these advances we should be grateful. Remembering, however, that the good is often the enemy of the best, we should buckle on anew the whole armor of God and go forward.

The Constitution of the Convention gives the General Board rather wide powers in the interim between the sessions of the Convention: it provides, however, that "any action of the Board during the interim shall be reported to the Convention at its next session." It would be expensive and perhaps uninteresting to report, in accordance with the provision, every action of the Board. Hence only those actions of vital importance as they effected either personnel or income and expenditure, are here recorded.

At the annual meeting of the Board on January 7, 1932, the budget for the calendar year 1932 was adopted; and this was the principal business transacted. The following amounts were appropriated: For salaries of General Secretary, bookkeeper, travel, office expense, rent, postage, telegrams, supplies, printing, compensation insurance, bonds of treasurer and bookkeeper, expenses of Board meetings, etc., \$12,763; for the W. M. U. Department, all salaries, printing, postage, \$7,920; for the Promotion Committee, literature, tracts, travel, conferences, expenses, etc., \$1,875. These three items are chargeable to the General Fund, that is the undesignated receipts. All other expense is chargeable to the Department in which the expense is incurred. The budget adopted for State Missions was as follows: For Student Activities at University, N. C.

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C. W., Appalachian Teachers' College, Western N. C. Teachers' College, and Mars Hill, \$4,750, of which \$500 is appropriated by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention; for Indian work at Cherokee and Robeson County, \$1,666.66; for church building obligations at Boone and Cullowhee, \$3,150; for the Sunday School Department, all salaries, rent, travel, postage, etc., \$8,367, of which \$2,925 is appropriated by the Sunday School Board; for the B. Y. P. U. Department, all salaries, rent, travel, postage, printing, etc., \$6,127, of which \$1,925 is appropriated by the Sunday School Board. J. M. Page, Building Evangelist, Preachers' School, State Mission Day programs, printing State Convention Minutes, salary of a general missionary for Eastern North Carolina and for a Negro extension worker, student workers for Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Revivals for Western North Carolina, etc., \$9,760. For missionary pastoral assistance a total of \$14,800 was appropriated and divided among associations as follows: Alleghany, \$200; Ashe, \$100; Atlantic, \$2,200; Buncombe, \$1,200; Chowan, \$2,200; Eastern, \$500; Gaston, \$300; Liberty, \$500; Mecklenburg-Cabarrus, \$700; Neuse, \$750; Piedmont, \$700; Roanoke, \$2,300; Rowan, \$650; South Yadkin, \$750; Tennessee River, \$400; Three Forks, \$300; Pilot Mountain, \$550; Western North Carolina, \$500. These items for State Missions, exclusive of receipts from the Sunday School Board, total \$43,180.66. In addition to the above the Board appropriated \$2,400 for the salary of the Secretary of Benevolences. This amount is derived not from gifts from the churches, but from the interest on Noah Biggs Fund with the Baptist Foundation. An appropriation of \$1,620 was made for the salary of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Debt Service Fund. This item is chargeable to the income derived from unpaid Centennial pledges, etc.

Due to the passing of Brother Walters Durham on February 20, the decline in receipts from the Coöperative Program, the meager returns from the Emergency Debt offering, and due also to pressing obligations, the Board met in called session on March 3, 1932. It should be here recorded that while the special offering for Debts yielded in 1931 \$66,600, only \$18,242 was received in 1932.

At this meeting of the Board Charles E. Maddry was elected Treasurer to succeed Walters Durham, who had served in this capacity for thirty-one years. Brother Maddry was elected "to serve without additional salary or office assistance." Fitting resolutions of respect for Brother Durham were adopted. They are not here reproduced because it is felt that the Convention, through its own Committee, will desire to make record of the service of Mr. Durham and record its appreciation. The other matter of vital importance which confronted the Board at this meeting was the problem of meeting a principal payment of \$74,000 due the Whitney Trust & Savings Bank of New Orleans, as Trustee. Unable



to meet this payment, the Board by agreement with the Trustee, and upon the advice of the Debt Advisory Commission, proceeded to cut the budget, including salaries, 10%, and to change the allocation of undesignated receipts. The ratio adopted was 55% for State objects and 45% for Southwide, with the 55% divided as follows: Debt Service 35%, State Missions 14%, Hospital 4%, Ministerial Aid 2%. Other savings were effected through a redistribution of work. This step was absolutely necessary and the results achieved justify it. It appears now that all interest due during 1932 will be paid and that State Missions will have no debt at the end of the year, except a debt of \$14,000 which was incurred in 1925 at the time when receipts began to decline. Since the obligation is so arranged that it is not pressing, it would be unwise to cut State Missions further at this time to pay it.

On June 23 the Board met for its third session of the year. The principal item of business was action upon the resignation of Charles E. Maddry as General Secretary and Treasurer, to accept the position of Executive Secretary of the Promotion Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, and that of C. S. Green, Recording Secretary, he having accepted a call to Grove Avenue Baptist Church of Richmond, Va. Suitable resolutions upon the resignation of both of these brethren were adopted. They are not reproduced here because of the feeling that the Convention will desire to express appreciation in its own way.

Brother B. W. Spilman was elected by the Board "to act as General Secretary and Treasurer until such time as a permanent secretary might be elected." When apprised of his election, he stated that it would be "utterly impossible" for him to serve. Whereupon M. A. Huggins, professor of education in Meredith College and at the time studying and teaching at Chapel Hill, was "asked to act as secretary until a permanent secretary should be elected." C. B. Deane, of Rockingham, clerk of the Pee Dee Association, was elected "to act as Recording Secretary of the Convention for the unexpired term." Brother Huggins entered upon his duties on July 16 upon the departure of Brother Maddry for his new field in Nashville, Tenn., and Brother Deane has displayed energy and initiative in the work preliminary to the meeting of the Convention.

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### Department of Missions

This Division of the Report is concerned with State, Home and Foreign Missions. It is interesting to note that in the programs of our associations, these three objects are coming to be considered at the same hour; and, perhaps, for the reason that the motive and spirit of all missions is the same. It must be remembered, too, that State, Home, and Foreign Missions, as now conducted, embraces preaching, educational

and promotional activities. Hence in the report below on State Missions will be found information concerning each of these phases of an aggressive State Mission Program.

### A. HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS

As pointed out above, a decline in receipts together with a 55-45 division of funds, to which reference is made elsewhere in the report, has resulted in a drastic reduction of gifts from North Carolina to these two Kingdom agencies. Moreover, last year we gave to Home Missions \$30,096.71 as against \$40,577.05 for the preceding year, and to Foreign Missions \$71,278.38 as against \$75,721.83 for the same period. The special offering made during the past summer amounted to about \$10,000. We must here record our disappointment at the result of this special offering in our state. As a rule North Carolina gives about 10% of all amounts raised in the South for these objects, but in this offering our gifts amounted to only about 5% of the total. Our disappointment is the more poignant when we remember that some 30 Foreign Missionaries now at home cannot be returned.

### B. STATE MISSIONS

In the introduction of this report the belief was expressed that the State Mission budget for 1932 would be balanced. This is as it should be. And yet it must be remembered that we are expending for State Missions only about 1/3 of what we were expending a few years ago. Moreover, when it is admitted generally that we are what we are as a denomination in North Carolina because in the past we have pursued an aggressive program of State Missions, we should pause in the presence of such a reduced budget. Our program is now aggressive but wholly inadequate. The marked achievements of the year are: (1) The special evangelistic meetings in Eastern North Carolina, arranged under the direction of the Board and (2) the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Revivals in the Western section. Reference to these will be made further on in the report.

#### 1. MISSIONARY PASTORAL ASSISTANCE

We give below a summary of the work done by our 40 State Missionaries from October 1, 1931 to September 30, 1932. Note the reduction. We had 47 in 1931 and 86 in 1930. When, however, we read these facts, let us remember that the results of most value do not lend themselves to classification in cold figures.

#### *Statement of Missionary Pastoral Assistance*

Number of Missionary Pastors .....	40
Number of Churches Served .....	87
Number of Sermons .....	3,833

Other Addresses .....	1,289
Conversions .....	1,180
Baptisms .....	815
Other Additions .....	519
Churches Repaired .....	24
Amount Paid for Building & Repairs .....	\$ 7,481.56
Amount Paid on Pastors' Salaries .....	19,977.50
Total Undesignated Coöperative Program .....	2,722.89
Total State Missions Designated .....	141.19
Total Home Missions Designated .....	240.99
Total Foreign Missions Designated .....	319.80
Total Education Designated .....	414.50
Total Old Ministers' Relief .....	17.81
Orphanage .....	2,232.10
Other Objects .....	5,923.04
Subscriptions to <i>Charity &amp; Children</i> .....	190
Subscriptions to <i>Biblical Recorder</i> .....	32
Subscriptions to <i>Home &amp; Foreign Fields</i> .....	5

## 2. SPECIAL EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS

In the report of last year it was pointed out with great clarity and pungency that there was a challenging mission opportunity in the twelve counties along the Atlantic Seaboard. Pursuant to this call, the Convention instructed the General Board "to work out a constructive plan, running through a period of years, for a sane and adequate solution of our State Mission problems in the extreme Eastern and Western sections of North Carolina." At the January meeting of the Board an appropriation of \$2,100 was made for this work. With the decline in receipts, however, it was deemed unwise to secure a full time man, and Brother J. P. Harris, pastor of the Beaufort church, was secured for part time work for a few months. He entered heartily into the work, began a visitation of the fields upon which missionary pastors were located, and, in other places as well, arranged for meetings. In the meantime the General Secretary called upon pastors to volunteer their services for these meetings. The response was most encouraging, and the results as tabulated below warrant the statement that a constructive piece of State Mission work, far reaching in its influence, has been achieved. Brother Harris displayed a fine appreciation of the problems involved, real initiative in the promotion of plans and rare tact in their execution. The thanks of the Convention are due him. This work, on a full time basis, if possible, should by all means be continued. It should be added that only \$1,025 of the \$2,100 appropriated was used.

### *Some Results of Special Evangelistic Meetings*

Number Meetings Held .....	80
Reports Received From .....	73
Additions to churches:	
Professions of Faith .....	385
Letter or Statement .....	105

Since Meetings Closed .....	44
Additions to Other Churches .....	11
Average Number of Days of Meeting .....	9
Number of Churches Reported that thought time was not long enough .....	29

### 3. INDIAN WORK

Our Missionaries to the Indians, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Lunsford in Robeson County and Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Lee in Swain County, have continued their earnest efforts, and have continued also to manifest the same self-sacrificing spirit. In the last Convention the Home Board was requested to bear one half of the expense of this work for 1932. The Home Board could not comply with this request, and the State Board, convinced of its importance, has tried to carry on, although with a reduced budget. For this work we are expending this year \$1,666. A partial result of their labors are here recorded.

Number of Sermons .....	132
Other Addresses .....	215
Conversions .....	130
Baptisms .....	130
Other Additions .....	28
Total Gifts to Undesignated Coöperative Program .....	\$165.54
Total Gifts to State Missions Designated .....	9.00
Total Gifts to Home Missions Designated .....	12.00
Total Gifts to Foreign Missions Designated .....	7.25
Total Gifts to Education Designated .....	5.25
Total Gifts to Other Objects .....	84.00

### 4. STIMULATION OF WORK AMONG THE NEGROES

In the Annual Reports of 1930 and 1931, it was pointed out that upon us was an obligation to the Negro Baptists of North Carolina. They number around 250,000; they work through four Conventions; they need a trained leadership. They will respond gladly to the help and to the suggestions of their white brethren. The last Convention took this action relative to work among them: "We commend to the State Mission Board that they consider coöperating, if practicable, with Shaw University in making special provisions for workers in promoting our mission work among the Negroes." Pursuant to this action, the Board in its January meeting appropriated \$1,500 for this work. Due, however, to a sharp decline in receipts and the necessity of a ten per cent cut all along the line in March, the work was attempted on a part time basis. Brother M. W. Williams, a teacher, was employed during the summer months. His work was directed to training, for there lies the greatest need. A partial result of the activities of Brother Williams are here recorded.

Number of Addresses .....	40
Personal Workers Conferences Held .....	76
Number of Teachers in D. V. B. S. ....	220

Teacher Training Classes Organized .....	22
Daily Vacation Bible Schools Organized .....	14

### 5. THE WORK AMONG THE SICK AT OTEEN

Here is an opportunity which belongs to the whole South; but since this great Government Hospital is located in North Carolina it becomes the peculiar obligation of North Carolina to minister to the sick there. When, for lack of funds, the Home Board was compelled to relinquish the work, our State Board very wisely undertook to assume the lead in making provision for its retention. Since the patients there come principally from the states of the South, the Mission Boards of these states were appealed to and thus far, for the work of this year, \$315 has been received from the following states: Virginia \$100, Georgia \$100, South Carolina \$100, Alabama \$15. The appropriation of our State Board for this year was \$600. With the cut which became effective as of June 1, the work will cost us this year \$565. Brother Wayne W. Williams, who is also pastor of the Church at Oteen, is the messenger of our Baptist people to these boys who deserve our admiration and need our prayerful interest and support. He is a World War veteran and is admirably equipped for this position by training, inclination and experience. The work ought by all means to be continued. Brother Williams works under the general direction of the General Board, and under the special direction of a special committee of the Buncombe Association.

### 6. DIVISION OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Elsewhere in this report it is stated that we have an inadequate State Mission Program, but at the same time an aggressive one. Perhaps no part of our work is more aggressive than that part for which "the House of Morgan," Perry, L. L. and the office secretary, Miss Bessie Morgan, are responsible. During the past year probably one of the most effective and far reaching pieces of State Mission work ever accomplished in this state was done through a continuance of the association-wide Sunday school revivals. Every member of the Convention should read with care Secretary Morgan's report. For financial assistance which made this achievement possible, we are indebted to the Sunday School Board. For the extent of this aid please see the introductory paragraph of the report.

### REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

PERRY MORGAN, *Secretary*

The Sunday School Secretary is in his fifth year with the Sunday School Department. He is rounding out his twelfth year as a general worker for the Denomination. These have been happy years for him as he has gone up and down the land giving himself to the work of the Baptists of North Carolina and using his talents for the Lord Jesus.



In many respects the year thus far has been one of the best since he came to the Sunday School work on January 1, 1928. This report was written before the annual meeting of several district Associations and membership statistics could not be given. However, the Secretary attended several Associational meetings prior to writing it and learned from letters sent up to the Associations by the churches, and from statistical reports received from twenty-five Associations that there has been an encouraging increase in Sunday School enrollment. Exact figures will be found in the tables and summary for all Associations in the statistical section of the State Convention Annual.

#### THE OFFICE AT HEADQUARTERS

The Sunday School Office is located at 200 Biblical Recorder Building, Raleigh. From this office all activities and operations extend to the farthestmost boundaries of the State. From year to year the volume of work grows and responsibility increases in the central office.

#### PERSONNEL OF WORKERS

There are two regular workers, Perry Morgan, Secretary, and L. L. Morgan, Field Worker. The salary of the Secretary is paid in part by the Sunday School Board at Nashville. The salary of the Field Worker is paid in full by the Sunday School Board. Bessie Morgan continues as Office Secretary rendering faithful service.

The Secretary of the Sunday School Department spends a part of his time in the office but the larger portion of it is spent on the field in engagements with individual churches and district Associations. Most of his time on the field is given to conference work, Sunday School revivals and enlargement campaigns with local churches, groups of churches, and district Associations. In the headquarters office his time is spent in general correspondence, making plans, gathering statistics, promoting Sunday School work, and directing the work of the Department.

Field Worker, L. L. Morgan, transferred headquarters from Goldsboro to Raleigh August 15. He is completing his sixth year as general Field Worker for the Department. His services are available for teaching, conference work, and addresses in individual churches, groups of churches, and district Associations.

Mrs. A. V. Washburn is the designated special approved Elementary State Worker and Mrs. John B. Lane, New Bern, the new approved Intermediate State Worker. Mrs. Washburn succeeds Miss Gladys H. Beck who resigned her place as Elementary State Worker to marry C. B. Earp of Selma and New York City.

#### ANNUAL MEETING AT RIDGECREST

The annual Statewide Sunday School conference was held at Ridgecrest July 24 to 29. The attendance was encouraging. There was an



increase in attendance over 1931. The plan is to return to Ridgecrest with this meeting in July of next year. We urge North Carolina Baptist Sunday School workers to become interested in Ridgecrest not only as an ideal place for their annual Sunday School Conference, but as a place for spiritual growth and for recreation and reviving the mind, body, and soul. Ridgecrest is supported and sponsored by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and is an ideal meeting place for our Sunday School forces.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL REVIVALS AND ENLARGEMENT CAMPAIGNS

We like the term "Sunday School Revival." It is an expression full of meaning. There is great need in every Association for a revival in Sunday School work and for enlargement of the Sunday School program. The term "revival" means a revival of interest in Sunday School growth, in Bible teaching, Bible study, soul-winning, teacher training, church loyalty, church support, and genuine interest in denominational work.

The Sunday School Department conducted fourteen Associational revivals and enlargement campaigns during the year. Four of them were in the Eastern and ten in the West-central part of the State. Revivals and enlargement campaigns conducted in the East were in the Pamlico, Bladen, Brunswick and Dock Associations. In this group of Associations 55 churches took part. In the West revivals were conducted in the Yadkin, Caldwell, Surry, Brushy Mountain, Three Forks, Avery, Mitchell, Yancey, French Broad, and Carolina Associations. The number of churches participating in these ten Associations was 216. The total number of churches reached was 271.

The Sunday School Department believes thoroughly in the Rural Church as the outstanding opportunity of North Carolina Baptists. The significance and importance of the urban church is not in any sense overlooked by us, however. Below is a summary of the work done in ten Associations:

## N. C. BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

NAMES OF ASSOCIATION	Number Churches	Class Aims	ATTENDANCE IN CLASS					Sunday School Enrollment	Average Attendance Past Quarter	Attendance First Sunday	Aim for Attendance Second Sunday	Attendance Second Sunday	Present Workers	New Workers	Total Workers	Present Classes	New Classes	Total Classes	Resident Church Members	Possibilities	Unsaved Above the Primary Department
			Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday														
Avery.....	16	1,520	847	803	1,024	1,054	1,114	1,792	1,072	1,138	2,440	1,789	164	106	270	101	58	159	1,585	3,953	1,178
Brushy Mountain.....	21	1,625	980	1,213	1,396	1,555	1,330	2,449	1,583	1,770	2,932	2,418	244	115	358	141	62	203	2,562	7,051	2,187
Caldwell.....	28	2,072	1,092	1,604	1,783	1,450	1,450	4,668	2,974	3,176	4,430	3,961	400	191	591	254	116	370	4,656	11,928	3,270
Carolina.....	32	2,197	1,507	1,337	1,725	1,821	1,706	4,629	2,878	3,252	5,209	3,974	371	184	555	262	133	395	4,225	8,914	3,124
French Broad.....	24	2,255	1,494	1,682	1,679	1,778	1,924	2,854	2,772	2,202	3,325	2,721	348	73	401	201	32	234	2,641	6,486	1,529
Mitchell.....	13	1,080	536	670	633	694	685	1,877	1,233	1,394	2,270	1,660	169	97	266	112	30	142	2,033	4,256	926
Surry.....	21	1,755	629	1,047	1,319	1,295	1,631	2,510	1,404	1,447	3,066	2,339	178	95	273	108	64	172	1,855	6,286	2,740
Three Forks.....	19	1,345	962	1,048	1,147	1,058	1,072	2,537	1,606	1,727	2,618	2,238	273	51	324	165	31	196	2,060	5,159	1,337
Yadkin.....	20	1,765	1,169	1,129	1,744	1,666	1,640	2,789	1,870	2,023	3,392	2,967	212	141	353	134	69	203	2,724	6,233	1,998
Yancey.....	22	1,850	1,092	1,192	1,482	1,422	1,329	2,222	1,441	1,727	2,705	2,203	188	129	307	122	70	192	2,380	5,468	1,562
TOTALS.....	216	17,464	10,403	12,125	13,742	14,120	13,881	28,327	17,933	19,856	32,194	26,270	2547	1182	3699	1600	666	2266	26,391	65,741	19,851

Total gain in Sunday school attendance in the 10 Associations..... 6,414  
 Highest class attendance on any single night..... 1,924  
 Total combined high class attendance for the 10 Associations..... 15,690  
 Estimated number reached in class attendance..... 19,500

Workers used in the summer rural Sunday School Revival and Enlargement Campaigns were: Billie Ruth Currin, Mildred Kichline, Alberta Poe, Gladys Jones, Lucille Welch, Mary Elizabeth Elam, Ruth Preslar, Elizabeth Stevens, Ethelene Cain, Mabel Stroupe, Irene Jones, B. L. Davis, Walter Gilmore, R. T. Willis, Mary Currin, Louise Adams, Sallie Williams, Sarah Williams, Gladys H. Beck, Maude Jones, Elizabeth Draughan, Mrs. Edwin B. Dozier, Mrs. John B. Lane, T. Carl Brown, Carl Rogers, Falk Johnson, A. V. Washburn, Jr., Wyan Washburn, John B. Lane, Irby Jackson, A. V. Washburn, Sr., L. L. Morgan, Charles A. Maddry, E. L. Smith, R. E. Tripp, J. J. Kincaid, Perry Morgan, John Edwards, R. K. Benfield, Thomas Lawrence, George Hocutt, James P. Morgan, J. N. Barnette, Sr., J. N. Barnette, Jr., Edwin B. Dozier, Virginia Holtzclaw, Alice Morgan, G. D. Danner, S. R. Moore, Jr., Ellen Daniel, Clarence Patrick, Kate Allison, Edd Fox, L. W. Cain, Vaughan Johnson, Mrs. C. D. Bain, Gertrude King, and Reid Wood. These workers did a total of 265 weeks of work or an amount equal to five solid years and five weeks. The Sunday School Board at Nashville united with the General Board of Missions in financing the work. The Associations made voluntary contributions to apply on the expenses incurred in doing the work.

We believe the Sunday School is the greatest agency Baptists have for enlisting idle people in the churches. It is a useful agency in discovering and developing the latent powers of unemployed church members. It is a field of service that calls for and requires the best talent available. Thousands of our finest and best church members find in it a place of service. If the Baptist churches of North Carolina would enlarge their program and expand their activities to the point of utilizing the talent available in them thousands of Christians would be put to work in the churches.

#### TEACHER TRAINING

There is great need for trained Sunday School teachers. Again we say this is our largest task. We urge upon our churches a constant and continuous program of teacher training. We have reached the place in our denominational life where there are multitudes of church members who possess talent which render them capable of becoming effective and useful teachers of God's word. There was a time when we did not have a large army of Sunday School teachers but conditions have changed. Throughout the years the Baptist Young People's Union, the Woman's Missionary Union, our Schools, Colleges and Seminaries, the Sunday School Department itself, and other church organizations have literally poured a stream of trained workers into the ocean of our denominational life. It is ours to claim them and the churches are urged through the Sunday School teacher training courses offered for this purpose to in-

struct and train these workers in doctrine, soul-winning, methods of teaching, and Sunday School administration.

The number of Normal awards granted during the year is 3,364. The number of Administration awards is 6,502. The total for both Blue Seal and Administration awards is 9,866.

#### STANDARD SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Our goal for standard schools has been held at 200. We will not surrender before we have reached that number. It will stand until we accomplish the task. Since November 1 of last year 120 schools have attained all the points in our Sunday School Standard of Excellence. We ought to have 150 by Christmas. The Standard of Excellence is a program of work for Baptist Sunday Schools. It is a spiritual and dynamic call to all our churches to win souls and raise the standard of Bible teaching. We commend it to all Pastors in this Convention and urge them to accept it as a spiritual plan of work for their Sunday Schools.

This year's standard schools are: Alarka; Asheboro; Asheville—Calvary; Asheville—First; Bethany; Bethel; Bethlehem; Boone; Bryson City—First; Bushnell; Capehart's; Caroleen; Carpenter's Grove; Casar; Charlotte—Ninth Avenue; China Grove; Christian Harbor; Cleveland; Cold Springs; Colerain; Connaritsa; Corinth; Cramerton; Dallas; Double Shoals; Double Springs; West Durham; Eagles; Fairview; Fallston; Fellowship; Forks of Little River; Forney's Creek; Fruitland; Gastonia—First; Gastonia—Loray; Gastonia—Temple; Goldsboro—First; Goodsonville; Greensboro—First; Green's Cross; Grover; Harmony; Harrellsville; Haynes Memorial; Hebron; Hephzibah; Hillsboro—First; Holly Springs; Inanda; Ingold; Jackson Line; Knap of Reeds; Knightdale; Lennon's Cross Roads; Lenoir—First; Maxton; Merry Hill; Morehead City—First; Morganton—First; Mooresville—First; Southside—Mooresville; Mount Carmel; Mount Olivet; Mount Pisgah; Mount Pleasant; Mount Zion; McAdenville; New Bethel; New Hope; New Prospect; Norman's Grove; Oakdale; Olive Chapel; Olivet; Oteen; Patterson Grove; Pisgah; Pleasant Grove; Proctorville; Ravensford; Red Bud; Reepsville; Rhodhiss; Riverside; Robert's Chapel; Ross' Grove; Roxboro—First; Stallings Memorial; Sandy Cross; Sandy Plains; Scott's Creek; Shiloh; Shoupes Grove; South River; St. Paul's; Statesville—First; Statesville—Front Street; Statesville—Western Avenue; Mount Tabor; Waco; Walnut; Wendell; Wesser; Winston-Salem—First; Winston-Salem—Tabernacle; Zion; Zion Hill; Zoar, and Robert's Chapel.

#### STATISTICAL WORK

The Sunday School Secretary is charged with the responsibility of gathering statistics for the Baptist State Convention Annual. Much of his time during the months of September, October, and November is

given to the statistical task. It is therefore necessary that he divert in some measure his attention from Sunday School work and direct the same to the work of gathering information and data for the Convention. This is a tedious, difficult and painstaking work. However, it affords one an opportunity for accumulating a knowledge of the work of North Carolina Baptists which cannot be secured in any other way and he considers it worth his time; for the knowledge thus gained is a great asset to the general worker no matter in what department he works or to what phase of work he gives his time and attention.

#### PROMOTING THE EVERY MEMBER CANVASS

The Convention of last year instructed the Sunday School Secretary to devote the months of August, September, October and November to the work of promoting the Every Member Canvass. According to the instructions of the Convention the Secretary turned from his Sunday School work to that of the Promotion Committee in August and has devoted himself to the Every Member Canvass work. While thus engaged, Field Worker, L. L. Morgan, directed the work of the Sunday School Department with efficiency and great credit to himself and the work. It is our conviction that the Baptist State Convention would profit immeasurably by having a full time promotion man to give himself all the year to the work of promoting the Every Member Canvass and other general denominational work.

#### DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

Again it was our pleasure to have Mrs. A. V. Washburn of Goldsboro give February, March, April and May to the work of promoting Daily Vacation Bible Schools. The Department of Daily Vacation Bible School Work of the Sunday School Board, Dr. Homer L. Grice, Secretary, made an appropriation of \$600 for this work. Of this amount \$598.22 was used. Our files show that 85 schools were conducted. However, some schools were not reported we are sure. Pastors everywhere give testimony to the worth and work of Daily Vacation Bible Schools. We urge each of our churches to conduct a school during the summer vacation next year for the sake of the children.

Schools held this year are: First—Lumberton; Pritchard Memorial—Charlotte; Weaverville; Dover; St. Paul's; Western Ave.—Statesville; Enfield; Pleasant Grove; First—Thomasville; Second—Shelby; Caroleen; Clayton; Shulls Mills; Blowing Rock; Sylva; Cove Creek; Harmony; First—Burlington; Warsaw; Ramseur; Eagles; Bethel; Ahoskie; Effland; Swepsonville; Edgemont—Durham; Moore's Chapel; Bethel—Bethesda; Glen Hope; Carrboro; Ephesus; First—Hillsboro; West Hill; Mars Hill—Hillsboro; Mount Ada; Mount Carmel; Mount Herman; Red Mountain; Hocutt Memorial; First—Reidsville; Burnsville;



First—Kannapolis; West Durham; First—Fayetteville; Wallace; Gibsonville; West Asheville; Elkin; Spring Hope; McAdenville; First—Goldsboro; Franklinville; Shiloh; Hull's Grove; Mebane; North Asheville; Brown Memorial—Winston-Salem; Brevard; Brookford; First—Greensboro; Wake Forest; Yanceyville; Corinth; Calypso; Steele; Pee Dee; Lystra; Yates; Olive Chapel; Ebenezer; Sandy Level; Antioch; Roberson's Grove; Gorman; Chapel Hill; First—Gastonia; Boonville; Mount Pisgah; Fruitland; Andrews; First—(Colored) Raleigh; Henrietta; Highlands, and Clinton.

### THE BIBLICAL RECORDER AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The *Biblical Recorder* has for several years accorded the Sunday School Department a half page of space in the paper. This space has been used in general discussion of policies and plans of the Sunday School Department and in recording news notes concerning the work. It is a profitable medium through which we have in large measure promoted the Sunday School program. The liberality of the paper and the generosity of its editor and Board of Trustees have made it possible for us to give publicity to this department of our work. For all that has been done for us we are truly grateful.

In view of this contribution to the Sunday School work by the *Biblical Recorder* it is the desire of the department workers to give support to the paper and petition is hereby made to the Convention to set aside a period of sixty days, preferably the months of February and March 1933, during which time an intensive, inclusive and comprehensive effort be made to increase the circulation of the paper. We believe that in doing this we will increase the usefulness of the Sunday School Department. We will also be able to enlarge the scope of the Department's work and in a more perfect manner inform and instruct our constituency in all phases of our denominational life as well as the program of the Sunday School Department.

### A PROGRAM FOR 1933

There is in reality nothing new to offer our churches in the way of a program for next year. Several years of study and uninterrupted work have unfolded and developed the finest and best program of Sunday School work known to the world. It is true that many have not yet grasped the idea of what we seek to do. They do not have the forward look. They live in the past. They are content with past achievements. But we face another day. This new day beckons us and calls to the larger Sunday School task and to higher ideals and objectives. We call upon North Carolina Baptists to:

1. Win 25,000 new pupils next year. There are 600,000—it may be more—belonging to our constituency in no Sunday School. It is our privilege to win them. Yea, it is our duty.



2. There are fifty churches without a Sunday School. While the number grows less yet many of our schools close for nearly half of the year. State Workers, Pastors, and Associational leaders must combine their efforts to put a school in every church and keep them all open the year round.

3. As far as possible conduct Sunday School revivals in the churches and enlarge their membership, increase their teaching force, and completely grade the schools.

4. Physical equipment must be secured. In many instances churches must be remodeled. Intelligent planning must be done here and provision made for the Elementary departments and classes.

5. Increased efforts at teacher training. We believe ten thousand officers and teachers change every year. These new teachers and officers must be trained for their work.

6. Establish better understanding between our homes and our churches. Home Coöperation Week is growing in favor with our people. The three hundred thousand Baptist children in our homes call for a strengthening of the ties between home and church.

7. Supplement the Bible teaching done in the Sunday School by offering sixty extra hours of Bible study through the Daily Vacation Bible School during the summer months.

8. Assume a greater share of responsibility for winning the lost. To win people to Christ is our supreme task.

9. Conduct at least ten volunteer Associationwide Sunday School study courses where enlargement campaigns have already been held.

10. Accept in its entirety the Southern Baptist Sunday School program of enlargement, better organization, more adequate buildings, better teaching, more effective training, enlistment, and evangelism.

To accomplish the above will take heroic work. We must be ever on the alert and we hereby call four hundred twenty thousand Baptists to the task. Let 1933 be outstanding in Sunday School achievement.

#### 7. DIVISION OF B. Y. P. U.

What was said in another section of this report relative to the work of the Sunday School Department as a part of our progressive State Mission Program should also be said about the B. Y. P. U. Department. The Board, however, sustained a tremendous loss with the departure of James A. Ivey, who resigned in December to enter a pastorate in Asheville. North Carolina Baptists have genuine assets in their secretaries and field workers. Consider the Christlike spirit of the Morgans, James A. Ivey, Miss Rickett, J. M. Page and the others, as well as their radiance, their enthusiasm, their devotion to the work. All these traits Brother Ivey had in full measure. His going is a real loss and the Convention should record its gratitude. When Mr. Ivey left, Miss Winnie

Rickett, his faithful assistant for several years, became Secretary of this Department. She is assisted by Miss Mabel Starnes, a former teacher for four years in Fruitland Institute, who came with the Board on January 1, 1932. The efficient office secretary, Mrs. J. E. Tharrington, continues and is now in her seventh year of service.

### B. Y. P. U. REPORT

MISS WINNIE RICKETT, *Secretary*

During this year we have greatly missed James A. Ivey, but Baptist young people in North Carolina will be more effective church members in the future because of his unselfish service. As I bring this report I wish it were possible to express the deep gratitude of my heart to the pastors and leaders in our churches who have coöperated so beautifully during this year.

### GROWTH DURING YEAR

"The object of the Baptist Young People's Union shall be the increased spirituality of the young Christians; their training in essential church activities; their edification in scriptural knowledge; their instruction in Baptist doctrine and history; their enlistment in all forms of missionary endeavor through existing denominational organizations."

The new Standard of Excellence which came into effect the first of January 1932 has been raised in essential points. We commend those unions which have attained. The new standard is not an end in itself, but it is a means to the end that our young Christians may be better trained church members. It presents a program of study, work and activity. In the B. Y. P. U. Magazine each quarter may be found a list of those unions that are A-1.

Below we indicate the number of different unions and we are happy to report a growth in each unit.

Adult Unions .....	154
Senior Unions .....	1,024
Intermediate Unions .....	640
Junior Unions .....	698
Total .....	2,516
General Organizations .....	478
Associational Organizations .....	62
Study Course Awards .....	20,744

In all there is a growth of 124 unions..

### STATE B. Y. P. U. CONVENTION-ASSEMBLY

Our State B. Y. P. U. Convention-Assembly was held at Ridgecrest, July 2-8, 1932. It was the second year that we tried the six day program, offering study courses in the morning, supervised recreation in

the afternoon, and an inspirational program in the evening. Our registered attendance was 577 and many came for single sessions who did not register. One interesting feature was that last year we had two local church groups in cottages; this year we had eighteen such groups. The leaders were greatly pleased with the results. Mr. James A. Ivey, Asheville, was elected President, and Mrs. F. C. Feezor, Raleigh, was elected Junior-Intermediate Sponsor. The convention voted unanimously to continue the same type of meeting next year, July 1-7, at Ridgecrest.

#### REGIONAL CONVENTIONS

Our department continues to foster five Regional B. Y. P. U. Conventions. Our programs were based on the Southwide B. Y. P. U. keynote, "Be Ye Transformed." The meetings were held in the following places: Eastern, Ahoskie; Southern, Elizabethtown; Central, Siler City; West Central, Hickory; Western, Franklin. More than three thousand young people were reached by these meetings, and the regional officers continue to work diligently in promoting B. Y. P. U. work in the state. In 1933 the conventions will be held at the following places: Eastern, Edenton; Southern, Dunn; Central, Carey's, Henderson; West Central, Boone; Western, Asheville. Through these regional meetings we reach a great host of young people whom we do not touch in any other way.

#### ASSOCIATIONAL WORK

It would be physically impossible for the general workers to reach all the churches in the state. However, through Associational B. Y. P. U. organizations and general meetings we can come in touch with the leaders in the various churches. The Associational organization develops volunteer teachers, leaders and speakers who in turn go into weaker churches to organize new unions, strengthen present organizations and teach study courses. We have Associational organizations in 62 of the 69 Associations.

#### SUMMER WORK

During the summer months our department was able to put on intensive training programs in seven different Associations, through the help of the Baptist Sunday School Board and State Convention. In many of the churches where B. Y. P. U. work was new, methods courses were given, with practical demonstrations given. In other churches, demonstration programs, committee meetings and officers' training camps were held, while the teaching periods were devoted to the study of stewardship or similar books from our accredited list of study course books. B. Y. P. U. work was greatly strengthened in the churches in Western North Carolina by the efforts. The college students who assisted in this work prove that through our Baptist programs on the various col-

lege campuses our students are gaining a conception of the whole program.

#### BAPTIST ADULT UNION

This year there has been a decided growth in interest among our older church members. Consequently more and more the B. A. U. is gaining ground. It ministers to a great group of adults, many of whom did not accept Christ until maturity and many others who have never been trained. It not only develops leaders for B. Y. P. U., but for other church organizations. Every Baptist church will find a properly functioning B. A. U. profitable. The Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tennessee, publishes B. A. U. quarterlies and free literature.

#### B. Y. P. U. DEPARTMENT AND BIBLICAL RECORDER

It is a well established fact that our finest B. Y. P. U. members are those who are informed about our general work. Where the *Biblical Recorder* is read by our young people, they are more interested in every phase of the Kingdom program, particularly here in our own state. The *Recorder* very generously gives us two columns each week for the promotion of our work. In this way our leaders can keep in touch with the work each week. In the early spring when the *Biblical Recorder* puts on a special drive for subscriptions we are going to line up and, in a practical and definite way, go out to build up the subscription list. We express our deep gratitude to Mr. J. S. Farmer, Editor, for his coöperation and interest.

The true B. Y. P. U. Department of the today and of the future must be an unmistakable demonstration, in spirit and power, in love and service; that it is a vital organ in Baptist life for the development of young people and to help them in the truest way to fulfill their divine possibilities. To this end we work.

#### 8. STUDENT ACTIVITIES

The Board for many years past has sought to minister to the thousands of students in our Educational Institutions. The aid extended is for pastoral assistance and direct work among the students. Pastors are aided at the University, North Carolina College for Women and Western Teachers' College. Rev. E. I. Olive, at Chapel Hill, serves as both pastor and student worker. These three pastors report a total of 385 sermons and addresses, 29 baptisms and an additional 35 added to their churches.

In the work among the students, we have only one worker left, Miss Cleo Mitchell. During the year she has divided her time between N. C. C. W., Boone, Cullowhee and Mars Hill. No one person can do this work well. There are in N. C. C. W. alone several hundred young ladies from Baptist homes, and many of them are church members.

This work ought by all means to be strengthened. From five student secretaries some years ago we have dropped to one. The Sunday School Board appropriated \$500 to the salary of Miss Mitchell, and thus the cost of this important work is only a few hundred dollars. It ought to be expanded. One gets a fairer conception of its possibilities by reading the report of Miss Mitchell which follows:

## REPORT OF STUDENT DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

Cleo Mitchell

The program which our denomination is promoting among the Baptist students in the schools and colleges of the State is one of paramount importance. As a denomination we are seeking to go with the college youth from his home church to the college, keep him true to Christ and his church during college days and send him forth after graduation a more intelligent, better trained, and deeper consecrated Christian ready to fill his place of service in the church and community. The Baptist Student Union, as this denominational program is named, serves as a connecting link between the church and the campus. The Student Secretary has a two fold privilege on the campus: "to represent Jesus Christ and to magnify the local church." In the life of any Secretary one of the most cherished and far reaching opportunities is that of heart contacts with the troubled, doubting, discouraged and needy student. What a joy it is to guide these youths into finding Jesus as Savior and Sufficient Help for all student needs! With the broadening mental horizon there needs to come a deepening spiritual development. We are looking to the day when we will have a "spiritual coach" on every campus.

During the past school year steady gains have been made in our student work. At Western Carolina Teachers' College, Cullowhee, a Baptist Student Union was organized, daily dormitory prayer meetings conducted, a college Sunday School department started, and a vital interest in the spiritual uplift of the campus manifested by students, local Baptist church and college authorities. At Appalachian State Teachers' College, Boone, the program, which had been so creditably started by former student secretaries and the local church, continued to minister to student needs. Definite training was given in all of our church organizations and special emphasis laid on Christian stewardship. During the study of evangelism conversions and rededications took place. As an outgrowth of the week's experiences a group of students pledged themselves to definitely seek to lead the unsaved on the campus to know Christ as Savior and Lord. The Western Student Conference last spring was combined with the western regional B. Y. P. U. Conventions and special college conferences were a part of the B. Y. P. U. program. Representatives came from all the western schools. A week-end conference of



Fruitland and Mars Hill students was held at Mars Hill in May. A study was conducted of the campus religious organizations and definite plans made for the coming year's religious activities.

At N. C. C. W., now the Woman's College of U. N. C., we had last year over 400 Baptist girls. Through the Sunday School classes, B. Y. P. U., Y. W. A. and Life Service Band students were trained in denominational and Christian activities. Through the student budget the Biblical plan of giving was taught and practised, and the students shared in the support of the Baptist Student Union program on the campus. In addition to this, the Y. W. A. gave a Foreign Mission Love Offering of twenty dollars and later in the year made a special gift of seven dollars for the Good Will Center at Tobata, Japan. This Good Will Center is under the direction of a former graduate of Woman's College. At the Central Regional B. Y. P. U. Convention the B. Y. P. U.'s presented, with a cast of about forty, the missionary pageant: "The Call of the World Today to America's Christianity." In April the Baptist Student Union promoted at the Baptist Cottage, Greensboro, a State Intercollegiate Council Conference with the purpose of training and inspiring the newly elected officers of the campus Baptist organizations.

During the summer months a program of visitation to the churches was carried out by our college students. This program included messages of information about the program and needs of the denomination, about stewardship and about soulwinning. This program, with no extra cost to the denomination, reached the churches in many sections of the state and contributed its part in arousing interest among our Baptist people in our worldwide program.

The State Student Convention was held in Chapel Hill, November 4-6, 1932. Representatives from practically all the colleges of the state were in attendance. Miss Kate Allison, student at Meredith College, was president and Miss Sue Ray, student at Woman's College of the University North Carolina, was secretary.

The Baptist youth enrolled in the colleges are one of our biggest assets. They are grateful to the denomination for what is being invested in their welfare and they are preparing to take their places in the onward march of Christian forces. In their search for a solution to personal and world problems at the feet of Jesus, may we match this earnestness and zeal by continuing to provide for their spiritual development.

## 9. BUILDING EVANGELIST

Brother J. M. Page has continued with the Board as Building Evangelist. His report, which follows, is very encouraging. Since so many of our churches are wholly inadequate for this new day, they need some one of proper ability to guide them in the construction or reconstruction of their church plant. Brother Page has genuine gifts, and his serv-



ice is in great demand. In addition he has assisted the General Secretary in visiting associations and mission points; and in numerous ways he has been of real service. He is paid in part from the mission funds, in part from the funds of the Debt Commission, and in part by the churches which request his services. It is too much to ask these churches to pay two-thirds of his salary. Some other plan should be devised; for often a church that most needs his services also needs stimulation to make an attempt to improve. And often also a church that most needs his services is least able to make sufficient remuneration for his services. This problem needs most careful attention. His report follows:

### REPORT OF J. M. PAGE, BUILDING EVANGELIST

#### GENERAL WORK

January and February were given largely to preparing for and rounding up the emergency offering for the debts of the Convention. March and April were given largely to selling Convention bonds and rounding up bond prospects.

I have attended fifteen of the Associations in the interest of the Convention work, and have delivered two hundred and twelve sermons and addresses. Many of these were addresses on the Coöperative Program.

Since September first in connection with my other work I have been making a survey of the state mission points, getting definite facts for use of the Board in making the appropriations for next year.

#### COLLECTION OF CENTENNIAL PLEDGES

With present financial conditions the receipts do not justify the expense of making special trips to collect, but I have been making collections all through the year while visiting the communities on other business. There are several thousand dollars in good pledges that are collectable as economic conditions improve so that the brethren can pay.

#### CHURCH BUILDING

There are many churches that need new buildings and a great many more that need remodeling so as to get Sunday School equipment at a minimum of cost. I have made plans this year for five new churches. Two have been completed, two are under construction while one has not been started. I have made plans for remodeling eight churches three of which have been completed, three are under construction and the other two have not begun the work. We have raised on church buildings this year \$17,650.00.

#### EVANGELISTIC

The revivals conducted this year have been largely for the purpose of reviving the financial condition of the churches, but we have received

64 for baptism and 18 by letter. We have earned and turned into the Board \$506.62.

There are greater opportunities for real state mission work in our state today than ever before. We do so much need a small fund to help churches on our state mission field to erect suitable buildings.

The work done by Brother Morgan in his Sunday School revivals is creating a demand for better equipment to take care of the better schools.

## II

### Department of Education

In Division A of this report will be found brief statements from the colleges whose Trustees are elected by the Convention, and in Division B will be found tables which indicate the financial status of these institutions.

#### A. REPORT OF COLLEGES

##### 1. WAKE FOREST

Thurman D. Kitchin, *President*

The ninety-eighth session of Wake Forest College was opened September 14 with the largest enrollment in the history of the college. The registration now stands at 788. Our physical equipment is strained to the utmost, especially the class-room facilities. These have been inadequate for years, and with the increased enrollment, the situation is acute.

All available means of assisting students have been employed but more than a hundred men were unable to register as they had planned. In many cases, if the college had been in position to furnish even a small amount of aid, these could have enrolled. Unquestionably one of the greatest needs of the college is an increased student loan fund.

Few changes have occurred in the faculty; Professor A. L. Aycock has been granted a year's leave for further study at Johns Hopkins University leading to his Ph.D. degree. The vacancy caused by his absence in the English Department has been filled by the appointment of Mr. Max Liles Griffin of Monroe, N. C., a graduate of the class of 1929. Mr. C. A. Seibert has returned to his place in the Department of Modern Languages after a year of study in France. Mr. I. Beverly Lake is serving as Assistant Professor in the School of Law. Professor J. L. Lake resigned last spring as head of his department and is now Professor Emeritus of Physics.

The death of Dr. M. L. Kesler creates a vacancy on our Board of Trustees which must be filled. The terms of the following Trustees expire on December 31, 1932, and they are recommended for reelection: Judge J. J. Hayes, Supt. A. J. Hutchins, Mrs. J. A. Oates, Judge E. W.

Timberlake, Dr. J. C. Turner, Mr. A. D. Ward, Mr. B. M. Watkins, Dr. J. C. Watkins, Rev. J. B. Willis, and Mr. W. L. Wyatt.

Our Law School is now meeting the requirements of the Association of American Law Schools but has not been admitted into the Association because one of the requirements for admission is that the School shall have been meeting all of the requirements over a period of two years. Of course, the membership of Wake Forest College in the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools is now conditioned upon the admission of the Law School to the Association of American Law Schools. I have every reason to believe that the Southern Association will continue our conditioned membership until we have had sufficient time to gain admission to the Law Association.

I wish to call particular attention to our present student body, not only from the standpoint of numbers but also with regard to personnel. There is apparent an earnestness, a seriousness of purpose which is encouraging in the extreme.

## 2. MEREDITH COLLEGE

Charles E. Brewer, *President*

Meredith College has opened with a gratifying number of students. There are 403 at this date—October 20. There were 407 same date last year. These students come from fifteen states—from New York to Florida and from as far west as Texas. Three foreign countries are represented. There are representatives from 71 of the counties in North Carolina—from Cherokee to Currituck, and from Surry to Brunswick.

Our religious organizations are functioning in a most efficient way and rendering service of untold value to our college life. Eight B. Y. P. U. groups with complete organizations meet once a week during the session. The Y. W. A. begins the day with morning watch services and conducts vespers each Sunday evening. We are fortunate in finding it possible for our students to attend Sunday School and church services in our local churches. Such an arrangement enables them to make valuable acquaintances in the city as well as to be connected with thoroughly organized and effective Sunday Schools. The Personal Service Band leads its members into the field of soul winning. Some of the members plan to engage in foreign missionary work, while others are to give full-time service in religious enterprises in the home land.

Few changes in faculty have occurred since our last report. In the absence of Professor M. A. Huggins we have Professor Bunyan Y. Tyner as Head of our Department of Education.

Professor Leslie P. Spelman is serving most acceptably as Head of the Music Department.

Miss Hesta Kitchen resigned as Assistant Dean of Women. Miss Elva Hartness was chosen for that position.

Miss Annie Mitchell Brownlee has succeeded Miss Mabel A. Barkley, resigned, as Associate Professor of Biology.

Miss Nora Kelly is the new nurse in our infirmary.

The trustees, faculty, alumnae, and other friends of Meredith College are glad to recognize the responsibility resting upon us as a member of the system of schools fostered by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. We rejoice in every opportunity to strengthen that system in every possible way with a view to making larger contributions from year to year to the progress of the Kingdom of God.

### 3. CHOWAN COLLEGE

W. B. Edwards, *President*

We are pleased to report that Chowan College opened its doors for the session 1932-33 with very bright prospects. Our enrollment for this year numbers the same as that for last year; and the freshman class of this year compares favorably with that of last year in preparation and number.

We admitted boys from local high schools as day students again this year, and our enrollment among them shows an increase of one hundred seventy-five per cent. The co-ed plan is still working nicely. Our student body is happy, doing a good grade of work, and they seem to be characterized by a more serious purpose and a deeper spiritual consciousness.

In our student body, we have ten students coming from the homes of preachers. One young lady is preparing for the mission field, and many have declared their intentions of attending training schools of our theological seminaries. We have the following religious organizations: B. Y. P. U., Y. W. A., Life Service Band, and Student Volunteer Band, all of which hold regular meetings. We are offering standard collegiate training under Christian influence and in an inspiring Christian environment.

There have been two changes in our faculty as follows: Miss Eleanor Whittinghill succeeds Miss Frances Vernon in the Department of Home Economics and Miss Clara Brown, Miss Eleanor Coker in the Department of English.

Considering our total number, our students are drawn from a wide geographical area. We have seventeen counties and forty towns of North Carolina and six different states represented in our student body.

### 4. MARS HILL COLLEGE

R. L. Moore, *President*

#### *Numbers*

The enrollment of the present session is 490, of whom 445 are first and second year college students and 45 high school and special students.

This is an increase of five over the total enrollment of the session of 1931-32. There are 30 ministerial students, most of them having promise of decided usefulness and dependent as usual upon their own earnings and the help of the friends of ministerial education. A little more than 95% of the students are church members, four having joined by confession and baptism since the opening of the session in September. Others will be won in the meeting of days just ahead which will be conducted by the newly-elected pastor, Rev. L. B. Olive.

### *Changes*

Miss Ella J. Pierce, dean of women, has been given leave of absence this session to study in Cornell University. Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Roberts received their Master's degrees at the close of the summer session of Peabody College. Mr. J. A. McLeod studied during the summer in Chicago University and Dean I. N. Carr did research work in Washington on his Doctor's thesis. Mrs. George J. Burnett is the capable and experienced housemother of Spilman Home and hostess for the present session. And Miss Louise Boswell becomes director of physical and health education for young women and has charge of the Infirmary in place of Miss Nora Kelly, R.N., who has accepted a position with Meredith College.

### *Improvements*

Some improvements have been made and paid for by gifts and otherwise during the year—a swimming pool, 20 x 60 feet, and costing \$2,000, completes the equipment of the McConnell Gymnasium; a house and lot needed to round out the school property and to protect against undesirable occupants has been bought; it now furnishes room for two married ministers; equipment for the second year of home economics has been installed; stone pillars have been erected at the Locust Grove entrance to the college grounds, the campus has been enlarged and beautified, and several acres of the Sams Place prepared for cultivation. Enlargement of the Library and the erection of a new science building are two imperative needs which cannot be long delayed. Loan funds for needy students and a worthy maintenance fund should also be provided.

### *Appreciation*

The college is grateful for a corps of teachers of ability and teaching power and loyalty to Christ and His church who remain with the institution; for the friendly concern of patrons and friends for the welfare and progress of the institution; and for a group of young men and women who if properly trained and inspired may have no small part in bringing in the Kingdom of God. Seventy-six years of struggle and attainment give heart and hope for the future and confidence in the greater Mars Hill to be.



## 5. CAMPBELL COLLEGE

J. A. Campbell, *President*

Campbell College completes forty-six years of history January 5, 1933, having been under one management for all these years. Formerly it was known as Buie's Creek Academy, but was advanced to junior college rating in 1926 by instructions from the Baptist State Convention. The property was transferred to the Baptist State Convention in 1925.

We are in the midst of the best year in the history of the institution. One year ago at this date we had enrolled 185 college students, 162 in high school and commercial departments a total of 347 students. To-day we have 200 college freshmen, 86 sophomores, 131 in high school and commercial departments, making a total of 417, an increase of 76 in enrollment, 100 increase in college enrollment. One year ago we had 21 ministerial students. To-day we have 26.

*Faculty*

Teachers of all college classes have at least a Master's degree, with successful experience in teaching. Each one is a member of a Baptist church and is active in Christian work. We have had but two changes in our faculty during the year. Rev. E. Norfleet Gardner, M.A., pastor of Dunn Baptist church, requested leave of absence for this year in the Bible department. We were fortunate in being able to command the services of Rev. Herbert N. Massey, M.A., pastor of the Smithfield Baptist church, to fill this vacancy. Prof. Massey brings to the institution scholarship, with successful experience as teacher and pastor. For seven years he was head of the Bible department in Limetone College.

On the resignation of Mrs. Ella Lord Gilbert, dean of the music department, we secured the services of Miss Carimae Hedgpeth, M. Mus., Bush Conservatory 1929, student in New York and Paris, a former member of the faculty of Bessie Tift College. Her connection with our college has been very gratifying.

*Spiritual Life*

The spiritual life of our institution was never finer. There are frequent conversions at the vesper services in our dormitories, with additions to our church at almost every service. The Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. organizations, with regular study courses provided for each, afford valuable service in Christian training. Our chapel services, meeting daily, with fine spiritual atmosphere in the classrooms, combine to make our college and campus life contribute to the richer spiritual life.

*Finances*

When this property was leased from the Board of Trustees of Campbell College by J. A. Campbell, with the approval of the Baptist Board of



Education and the Baptist State Convention, he assumed the indebtedness due the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company for a loan of twenty thousand dollars with which to complete the dormitory for boys. Under the conditions of the lease, he was required to keep the property properly insured and in good repairs. At the time of this agreement the Convention was giving from three to five thousand dollars per year for maintenance, with the hope that the amount would be increased as the Convention was able. On account of the depression the denomination has been unable for two years to make any appropriation for the support of the school. In addition to meeting the payments due the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company, amounting to two thousand dollars a year and interest, carrying necessary insurance and repairs, all of which had to be taken out of the income from students, one can see that the institution has been carrying a tremendous load. The institution was not allowed to make any debts and so all deficits fell upon the shoulders of J. A. Campbell. The loan from the Jefferson Standard has now been reduced to three thousand dollars, which is the only indebtedness against the institution. It is to be hoped that the Convention may come to his relief in some way in the amount due him by order of the Convention.

## B. GENERAL STATISTICS

1. Exhibit "A" shows the operating statements for the year 1931-1932. The column headed "Profit or loss if one-half of the student accounts are collected," gives a truer picture, probably, of actual operating income and expense than is found elsewhere. Some institutions will probably collect more than fifty per cent of their accounts receivable, but, on the whole, a larger per cent than this could hardly be counted upon with safety.

2. Exhibit "B" reflects the exact condition of each institution as of June 30, 1932. Interpret as follows: If Wake Forest could convert one-half of the accounts owed by students into cash and its inventories into cash, it would have a sufficient amount to pay all its accounts and a surplus of \$10,489.05, leaving its plant and endowment intact. In like manner Meredith would have a deficit of \$3,864.93, Chowan would have a deficit of \$44,517.97, Mars Hill would have a surplus of \$17,632.89 and Campbell would have a deficit of \$8,093.06.

3. Exhibit "C" reveals the enrollment, etc., for the year 1931-1932 and the summer of 1932.

4. Exhibit "D" shows the amounts which have been paid directly to the institutions, or on their behalf, from the beginning of the 75 Million Campaign to December 31, 1931, and the sources from which the money was derived. A table similar to this was printed in the Minutes of 1930, (see page 86). To these figures have been added the amounts paid since that time.

EXHIBIT "A"  
Condensed Statement of Operations for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1932

COLLEGE	INCOME			Total Expense	Profit-(†) Loss-(‡) if All Accounts Collected	Uncollected Accounts for Session 1931-1932	Profit or Loss†		Students Lacked Paying Expenses		Per Cent of Total Income Paid By Students
	Student	Other	Total				If No Accounts Collected	If Half Accounts Collected	If All Accounts Collected	If No Accounts Collected	
Wake Forest..	\$ 98,462.21	\$155,906.78	\$254,368.99	\$263,411.27	\$ 9,042.28	\$ 18,384.39	\$427,426.67	\$ 18,234.48	\$164,949.06	\$183,333.45	38.70
Chowan.....	40,126.15	9,390.22	49,516.37	56,483.45	\$6,967.08	9,273.62	\$16,240.70	\$11,603.89	16,357.30	25,630.92	81.04
Meredith....	178,502.98	20,180.98	198,683.96	179,223.55	\$19,460.41	27,398.58	\$7,938.17	\$5,761.12	720.57	28,119.15	89.86
Mars Hill....	119,723.03	6,470.61	126,193.64	112,100.51	\$14,093.13	23,220.77	\$9,127.64	\$2,482.75	\$7,622.52	15,598.25	94.86
Campbell ....	64,205.34	6,316.97	70,523.31	58,999.52	\$11,523.79	12,167.06	\$643.27	\$5,440.26	\$5,206.82	876.71	91.04

†Profit. ‡Loss. \*Income from students overpaid all expenses.

EXHIBIT "B"  
Condensed Statement of Condition at June 30, 1932

COLLEGE	ASSETS						*LIABILITIES			Net Worth
	Endowment	Plant	Cash	†Due by Students	Inventories	Total	Notes Owed	Accounts Owed	Total	
Wake Forest.....	\$ 2,547,924.54	\$ 707,850.86	\$ 3,106.55	\$41,795.67	\$ 1,083.00	\$ 3,301,760.62	\$11,491.79	\$.....	\$11,491.79	\$ 3,290,268.83
Chowan.....	98,490.21	249,215.00	1,762.25	14,337.54	1,150.00	364,955.00	20,172.54	32,664.20	52,836.74	312,118.26
Meredith.....	508,133.94	1,427,765.16	2,749.91	58,623.01	500.86	1,997,772.88	12,458.84	20,717.60	33,176.44	1,964,596.44
Mars Hill.....	76,344.32	371,473.48	2,629.92	38,686.31	3,912.78	493,046.81	2,750.00	2,873.05	5,623.05	487,423.76
Campbell.....	9,448.42	403,000.00	182.11	27,295.11	1,500.00	441,425.64	7,500.00	15,740.62	23,240.62	418,185.02

†Includes 25% deduction for Uncollectables.

\*Does not include bonds and notes outstanding assumed by the Baptist State Convention.

EXHIBIT "C"  
Educational Institutions in the System of the Convention

INSTITUTION	PRESIDENT	Post Office	Officers and Teachers	ENROLLMENT 1931-32			Enrollment Summer School 1932	Ministerial Students	Student Volunteers	GRADUATES 1932		
				College	High School	Elementary and Special				College	Jun. College	High School
Wake Forest†.....	T. D. Kitchen.....	Wake Forest.....	41	761	0	0	485	74	4	150	0	0
Meredit†.....	Chas. E. Brewer.....	Raleigh.....	49	398	0	21	0	0	2	82	0	0
Chowan†.....	W. B. Edwards.....	Murfreesboro.....	16	101	0	20	0	0	3	21	0	0
Mars Hill†.....	R. L. Moore.....	Mars Hill.....	35	420	38	27	154	31	20	0	109	11
Campbell††.....	J. A. Campbell.....	Buie's Creek.....	26	202	202	280	0	24	15	0	56	30
Mills Home††.....	I. G. Greer.....	Thomasville.....	16	0	136	355	0	0	0	0	0	18
TOTALS.....			183	1,882	376	703	639	129	44	253	165	59
Wingate†.....	Coy Muckle.....	Wingate.....	18	215	37	40	55	18	9	0	92	12
Boiling Springs†.....												

†Senior College. ‡Junior College. ††Elementary and High School. ‡‡Elementary, High School and Junior College. Wingate and Boiling Springs are owned by Supporting Associations and not by the Convention.

## EXHIBIT "D"

*Amounts Paid to Several Educational Institutions from the Beginning of 75 Million Campaign About June 1919 to December 31, 1931*

INSTITUTION	From 75 Million	From Cooperative Program	From Centennial Fund	From Cooperative Program and Centennial Fund (1930 & 1931)	Total
Wake Forest.....	\$ 460,392.90	\$ 5,520.00	\$ 32,846.00	\$ 14,781.19	\$ 513,540.09
Meredith.....	348,628.00	207,073.79	151,421.72	276,638.28	983,761.79
Chowan.....	187,708.30	41,800.00	3,280.76	6,740.12	239,529.18
Mars Hill.....	.....	52,167.41	12,867.81	25,251.97	90,287.19
Wingate.....	30,083.02	39,259.20	9,119.33	22,893.31	101,354.86
Campbell.....	26,425.03	21,451.91	6,058.25	6,997.88	60,933.07
Boiling Springs.....	13,479.88	18,417.43	13,338.73	21,814.56	67,050.60
Liberty Piedmont.....	17,379.63	1,300.00	.....	.....	18,679.63
Dell School.....	19,035.83	.....	.....	.....	19,035.83
TOTALS.....	\$1,103,132.59	\$ 386,989.74	\$ 228,932.60	\$ 375,117.31	\$ 2,094,172.24

## C. STATUS OF THE CONVENTION DEBT

## 1. REDUCTION OF DEBT

Are we reducing the principal of our indebtedness? In the table below we show the indebtedness as of November 10, 1930, 1931 and 1932.

	1930	1931	1932
Meredith Bond Issue, Original.....	\$ 450,000	\$400,000	\$350,000
Whitney Trust Loan .....	464,000	414,000	414,000
Boiling Springs Bonds .....	32,000	24,000	16,000
J. A. Campbell Note .....	20,000	16,971	16,971
Wingate Note .....	9,000	10,000	9,500
Mars Hill Note .....	5,800	....	....
Loans—Banks .....	76,500	60,960	29,690
Refunding Bonds .....	...	...	55,750
Totals.....	\$1,057,300	\$925,931	\$891,911

It will be seen that we are making some progress in the reduction of our debts, although the amount of reduction since last year has been much smaller than heretofore. This is due, of course, to the fact that the income from the Coöperative Program has decreased and but little has been collected from Centennial pledges. It will be observed, too, that no reduction has been made in the Whitney Trust loan. On February 1 of this year there was due a payment of \$74,000. This has not been paid. Moreover, we are now due \$8,000 principal on Boiling Springs bonds; in December there will be due on Meredith College Bonds (original issue) \$50,000; in February 1933 there will be due Whitney Trust and Savings Bank on principal \$174,000. Thus there is now due and will be

due in the near future \$224,000 principal in addition to \$25,072.50 in interest. What is to be done? It is expected that the Debt Advisory Commission will present a report to the Convention suggesting a plan whereby we may preserve our honor and credit and eventually pay our debts.

It will be recalled that the last Convention authorized the issuance of Refunding Bonds in the amount of \$300,000. It was hoped that the proceeds from the sale of these bonds would tide us over for the next three years. It was believed, also, that a refinancing of our indebtedness was impossible. These bonds were, pursuant to instructions, issued. To date \$37,500 have been sold and \$18,000 given to Wake Forest as payment of balance due from its share in Centennial Fund.

*Payments of Principal and Interest November 1931-November 1932*

	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Interest</i>	<i>Total</i>
Meredith Bond Issue (Original)...	\$50,000.00	\$22,619.47	\$ 72,619.47
Whitney Trust Loan .....	3,974.30	24,942.80	28,917.10
Boiling Springs Bonds .....	8,000.00	1,213.24	9,213.24
J. A. Campbell Note .....	....	1,018.26	1,018.26
Wingate Note .....	500.00	60.00	560.00
Loans—Banks .....	31,269.75	3,659.95	34,929.70
Refunding Bonds .....	....	....	1,626.00
Total .....			<u>\$148,883.77</u>

### III

#### Department of Benevolences

Dr. R. T. Vann continues as the head of this Department. In particular he has general oversight of the work in North Carolina of the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. His radiant Christian spirit remains a benediction to all who are privileged to know him.

The Hospital, under the consecrated leadership of Rev. G. T. Lumpkin, continues to make friends among the people of our churches. In spite of the depression the Mother's Day offering has continued to grow in a substantial way. The report given below will be of genuine interest to all our people.

The Mills Home has sustained a tremendous loss in the passing of Dr. M. L. Kesler, distinguished in the whole country as a leader of the forces which are promoting child welfare and beloved by the Baptist hosts of his own state. Although about 74 years of age, he died, as he probably preferred, in harness. The Convention will desire to record its gratitude to him for some 27 years of faithful and distinguished service.

The Reports of the Relief and Annuity Board, the Hospital, and the Mills Home follow:



## RELIEF AND ANNUITY BOARD

R. T. VANN, *Secretary*

Our report for this session must consist mainly of a brief recital of facts, some by way of reminding and others summarizing the showing of the Board's work for the year. None of these are very encouraging, but they relate to matters which as servants of God, to whom He has committed the interests of His Kingdom on earth, we should know and ponder.

*By Way of Reminding*

Not for the members of this Convention especially, but mainly for the masses of our people, who seem either not to have heard or not to remember, two patent and oft-repeated facts need re-stating. First, that as a class, preachers during their periods of active service are prohibited from laying by a competency for their families or themselves in old age, because of inadequate salaries, the necessity of giving liberally of what they do get as leaders of their churches, and public sentiment. In recent years ministerial salaries have increased in many cases, to be sure, but so have the calls for beneficences; so that for pastors in general, the above statement must still stand.

Second, and as a consequence, the support of all age-worn pastors is not a dole nor a charity nor a mere appreciation, but a long deferred payment in part for service rendered.

Third, a fact not so generally known, perhaps, is that our benefactions are not bestowed upon all super-annuated preachers nor even upon all of those who are in want, but only upon those who are *most* needy. And among these, there are many exceptions. Some, while greatly reduced in income, decline to call for help and others are supported by friends and relatives; but the majority of them must be aided or suffer, and some still suffer even with the meager sum the Board is able to furnish them. And it was for this class that Southern Baptists undertook eleven years ago to offer more substantial relief, setting up a new Board to organize and conduct a Southwide and permanent movement.

*Tabulated Summary For Past Year*

Total assets including Relief Fund, Relief Reserves,	
Endowment and Annuity Fund and other property .....	\$3,844,667.20
Received through Coöperative Program .....	75,347.55
Disbursed—Allocations throughout South .....	132,356.41
Number Beneficiaries—ministers, missionaries, widows	
and orphans .....	1,514
Ministers, missionaries and widows participating in	
• Annuity Fund .....	211
Total number aided .....	1,725
FOR NORTH CAROLINA	
Receipts from the State .....	\$ 6,032.28
Allocated to our beneficiaries .....	14,097.08

Aided—men, 64; women, 60; total .....	124
Declined during the year .....	2
Dropped for cause .....	2
Died .....	10
On waiting list .....	13
Now on roll—men, 57; women, 54; total .....	111
Listed under old Annuity Plan in the State .....	179
Participating (\$500 for men, and \$300 for women) .....	39

The above statement shows that the Board allocated to its beneficiaries last year \$57,214.86 more than its receipts for this purpose; that is, it added from its own resources 76 per cent over and above the amount received; and for North Carolina it allocated two and one-half times as much as it received.

It was able to do this because in more favorable times it had the wisdom to set aside and invest in a permanent fund a percentage of its receipts for emergencies like the present. But for this forethought its allocations, already so meager, must have been reduced to about one-fourth of what they actually were. As it was, beginning early in March, because of constantly increasing demands and diminishing receipts, and also of the complete exhaustion of its reserve relief fund, it actually had to cut allocations one-third. And unless receipts increase more than we have any reason to expect, there is reason to apprehend that the coming year must see another reduction.

### *The Service Annuity Plan*

This situation and outlook emphasize the paramount importance of inaugurating some such plan as the Board calls its Service Annuity Plan. There is not room here for the details of this plan; these will be furnished by the Board in Dallas to all who are interested. But it may be stated here in general that it involves the coöperation of the pastors and their churches. By such coöperation, pastors and churches respectively would send up to the Board annually a certain percentage of the salaries paid, and this combined amount the Board would duplicate and invest the total as a pension fund.

While this plan involves the creation of a new fund and, at first glance, seems impracticable, we should remember, first, our present plan has proved to be wholly inadequate to meet the situation. To answer the needs of all deserving superannuated ministers, we should have to raise annually something like \$500,000, a sum beyond our reach for many years. Second, with the Board duplicating our gifts, the new plan, worked systematically, would require little more annual outlay than our present plan. Third, the permanent fund proposed would be far more likely to invite large contributions from Christian capitalists, as Mr. Rockefeller has shown, than would contributions of which nothing is left at the end of the year, as in our present plan. Fourth, most other Prot-

estant denominations, all smaller than our own, are already beginning something like what we propose, and one has such a plan in actual operation, under which its ministers, on retirement, receive \$1,000.00 annually, with the prospect of reaching a minimum of \$1,200.00 annually. Of course we could not expect large results in the immediate future, but we could expect something far better than what we have. We may say the time for such a move is inauspicious. Certainly; and yet, though we began it after the depression started, already 1,500 pastors in the South have expressed a desire to participate in it as soon as their churches are willing to join them; and it should be remembered here that the plan is projected on an actuarial basis.

While we may not press the new plan vigorously under present conditions, surely we may keep it in mind, making such progress as we can.

Meanwhile, let us stand by our Relief Board. Its record deserves recognition, confidence and support. A Board beginning with nothing eleven years ago, and, besides caring for its beneficiaries, has managed to accumulate in that time a fund of nearly \$4,000,000, is surely entitled to our highest confidence.

We call attention in closing to a painful inequality in the matter of receipts to which this Board is subjected. While it is supposed to receive 7 per cent of the moneys given through the Coöperative Program, as a matter of fact, it only receives half that amount. This is due to the practice of designating, under which missions and education receive so much larger share than the Relief Board, that receipts allotted them are actually reduced one-half.

While designating is the privilege of all, the above statement shows the serious harm this practice may do some worthy causes. So we venture to urge upon our people to remember this, in making their contributions as far as their conscience will allow, and thus, in justice to all departments of our work, permit the denominational budget, fixed by a large and wise committee, to stand.

## REPORT ON HOSPITALS

G. T. LUMPKIN, *Superintendent*

With gratitude to our Lord and love to our brethren, the Trustees of the North Carolina Baptist Hospital make their tenth annual report to this Convention. Ten years ago our Hospital was but a shell, unfinished and unfurnished, and represented an experiment in Christian ministry by our people in this state. There were many who opposed this new adventure and others who felt that it would be a burden on our denomination. But how the years have demonstrated the wisdom of those who gave birth to the great institution and won the sympathies of those who doubted or waited to see the outcome! Over 21,000 patients have been cared for in these years and over 9,000 have been helped financially,

either as part pay or free patients. Our death rate has been remarkably low and most of those who came to us for help went back home rejoicing in new health. A fine nurses home has been built and paid for at the cost of around \$50,000.00. \$60,000.00 of our indebtedness has been retired. We have carefully selected from our medical fraternity one of the finest staffs of physicians and surgeons in the south and these men are giving their best of time and skill for the ministry of healing in our institution. A statewide condition of sympathy and coöperation has been developed. We are grateful to our Baptist people for their response to the challenge of our hospital for the care of our needy sick, and assure them that we are looking into the next decade with great hope and enthusiasm.

In this year that has tried the souls of men and threatened the very existence of our strongest institutions, the Hospital has received continual evidences of the love and sympathy of our Baptist people and have been able to render its greatest ministry of healing and life. This has been our hardest year. Distressing financial conditions, worry and unfavorable living conditions have greatly increased our demands for free service and at the same time our income from all sources has greatly decreased. Private hospitals have been compelled to limit the amount of charity work and that has thrown a larger number of patients on the Baptist Hospital from all over the state. These people must come to us now or continue to suffer and die. Their only hope is in the kind ministry of our own hospital. The question is, "How can we meet the demands of an ever increasing number of charity patients with a constant decrease in income and stay out of debt?" It just can't be done.

To meet these conditions the Hospital has cut salaries, curtailed expenses, and economized everywhere and yet we cannot successfully meet the conditions named above.

Our Baptist churches must help in this emergency. This is your Hospital. It was built by this Convention for the service of humanity. Our mission is to save life and restore health to our Baptist people. This service must be available for all of our people whether they have the price or not. We cannot obey our Lord's command "To heal the sick," nor justify our existence, unless we make provisions to care for those who are sick and have no money to meet the cost of hospital service.

What can we do to meet the emergency? Your Board of Trustees would suggest that this burden can be carried, if every Sunday School in our state will hear the cry of the needy sick and give a liberal offering on Mother's Day for this cause, and, in addition to this love offering, those churches sending patients to the Hospital raise at least \$1.50 a day to pay on the patient sent. This money may be given by the patients, friends, or the church, and this will not be a great burden, because they will have to provide this much for just one patient, but the Hospital has

to help around two thousand a year. Our burden is great. But if the churches will coöperate in the two ways suggested we will be able to meet all demands for free service, keep our Hospital in first class condition and stay out of debt.

Fellow Baptists, we urge that you will make possible the opportunity for these needy sick ones. They are our brothers and sisters, our Baptist children that need our help. Do not force us to close our doors to one of these little ones and leave them to go on handicapped by disease or deformity. We appeal to you to meet the needs by these two simple means which can be met by every church in our state, without embarrassment to any individual.

Pray for us. Talk about the Hospital. Make a liberal Mother's Day offering. Send us your pay patients. Send an offering along with your charity patients and we will give them the best we have to aid them in the battle for health and life.

### MILLS HOME REPORT

I. G. GREER, *General Manager*

The cost of caring for unfortunate children is going to be met today or tomorrow. If we do not pay today in protection and character building we will pay tomorrow with accumulated interest, in court procedure, reformatories, and in struggling with the problems of a demoralized generation. We may declare a moratorium on our debts, but we cannot declare a moratorium upon the physical, mental, moral and spiritual growth of our children. When our business reverses occur, when our selfish desires have been thwarted, we can ill afford to withhold from fundamental and permanent social service. To fail them now would be to lower American standards, to sacrifice the future to the present, to undermine hope and courage just when they need to be reinforced.

This brings us to face the threefold problem of child welfare.

First: Shall the home be broken and the child placed in one of our institutions, or shall the community in which he lives become responsible for his welfare? If the child is in his home with mother living, and the only problem is one of finance, it is sinful to break up that home, or allow it to be done. Where the mother is competent to care for her children in everything except the earning of bread, then aid should be given for the maintenance of that home. Many homes have been broken up needlessly by taking the children away from their mother when a little financial help would have preserved that home and allowed the children to grow up under a mother's love, care and direction. We remain wholly committed to Mothers Aid as the very best of all methods of caring for dependent children when possible. At the present time we are aiding 70 mothers and through them we are caring for 287 children.



Our second problem is caring for those who have been admitted to the Home. It is the purpose of the institution to create and maintain for the children a wholesome home life where their time can be divided between work and play and worship. As to work, there is the farm, the dairy, the print shop, the shoe shop, for boys; the sewing room, the laundry and the kitchen, for girls. These tasks, for nine months of the year, occupy the time of the boys and girls for one half of the day; the other half is spent in the school which is conducted on the grounds at Thomasville. At the Kennedy Home the high school students are transported to La Grange in trucks. Both schools are standard in every respect.

The church is the center of the religious life of both homes where regular services are maintained. Both churches have well organized Sunday Schools and B. Y. P. U.'s. The missionary societies are especially effective. Thus the spiritual life of the children is carefully trained and developed.

Our institution must be maintained for those who unfortunately would otherwise be thrust upon the cold mercies of the world, for those who have lost their parents or for those whose parents are physically unable or morally unfit to care for them. At the present time we are caring for, in round numbers, 635 such children; 500 of these are at Thomasville and 135 at the Kennedy Home. It is hard to think of a child apart from a home. For this reason we have at Thomasville and Kennedy Home villages composed of twenty-one cottages where children live in family groups of about thirty-five, under the supervision of a well chosen mother. Sixteen of these cottages are located on the grounds at Thomasville and five at Kennedy Home.

Our third problem is what to do with our boys and girls when they have finished in our institution. Herein lies the great unsolved problem of the dependent child. A boy or a girl of seventeen years of age is not mature, and to turn one of that age out into the world is to run the risk of losing all that has been gained in behalf of the child. A seventeen-year-old boy or girl with a high school education, turned loose on the world today is capable of becoming a menace. He has been given a glimpse of the larger life, but is unable to attain it. He has been taught to think but is not mature enough to think things through. Right here is a tremendous problem which must become our task. A larger fund that would make it possible for these young people to carry on is one of the immediate needs. The Alumni Association of the Mills Home has sensed the need of such help, and out of their limited means is sending one of their number to college this year. May their example be a challenge to others to establish scholarships in our colleges for the graduates of Mills Home.

This brings us to the problem of our financial situation. Our indebtedness is about what it was a year ago—\$50,000.00. There has been

a 15% decrease in receipts this year, but we have neutralized that decrease with a 15% saving in our running expenses, and thus we come to the Thanksgiving season with about the same indebtedness. The solution of this financial problem cannot be stated more clearly than by quoting the words of our beloved and fallen leader, Dr. M. L. Kesler, in his last message to this Convention a year ago:

"The way out. A once a month offering in every Baptist Sunday School—it matters not how low prices are, or how many mills close down—an offering from every one of them—entered into sympathetically, earnestly and prayerfully, will take care of running expenses. And then a great Thanksgiving offering, not an after thought, but a well planned offering, in keeping with our prayers of gratitude, will pay off the debt."

Though his tongue is silent we have faith to believe that his words will not fall on deaf ears. The fact that we had to borrow money for running expenses in carrying on the work of the Mills Home was one of the burdens of Dr. Kesler's last days. Our appeal to you at this time is that we may gladden his spirit by making our Thanksgiving offering large enough to remove the debt from the home of the children he loved so much.

We cannot close without pausing to pay tribute to those of our number who have been called to their reward since our last report to this Convention. The grim reaper has taken his toll—Miss Alyce Rudd, one of our fine young Christian teachers, was killed in an accident last November. Mr. Mark Stone, for more than thirty years the manager of the wood shop, was also accidentally killed, April of this year. Mr. L. L. Leary, of Morehead City, one of the most valuable members of the Board of Trustees, went to his reward in August. On the evening of August 19, Dr. M. L. Kesler, the General Manager, was killed at a railroad crossing near the entrance to the Mills Home grounds. "Perhaps no man ever lived in North Carolina who made a larger and more enduring contribution to its welfare than Dr. M. L. Kesler during his long years of ministry in behalf of unfortunate children." . . . "He sought not the applause nor the honors of men. He wanted not commendation but coöperation in the work God had given him to do. With a clear vision of right and wrong and a distinct differentiation of the true and the false, he went about his constructive work for humanity. So unselfish his motives, so high his ideals, he brushed aside trivialities in his quest for the verities of life. His brave spirit went forth to conquer and achieve the freedom of the neglected and oppressed from the bondage of sin and suffering."

## IV

## The Woman's Missionary Union

This body of devoted women continues to stimulate every phase of our work. It may be that the missionary zeal of some of our men is waning. Certainly this cannot be said of the women. When we think of their zeal and good works we thank God and take courage. During the lean months of the past year a special gift of \$2,656, a part of the Heck Memorial offering, enabled the Acting Secretary and Treasurer to meet obligations which were pressing to the point of embarrassment.

Mrs. Edna R. Harris is Corresponding Secretary, Miss Elsie K. Hunter, Treasurer, Miss Alva Lawrence is Young People's Leader and Miss Ora Alford is office assistant. The report of Mrs. Wesley N. Jones, the President, follows:

## REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

In the Minutes of the Woman's Missionary Union there appears every year a statistical table that gives the history of the organization at a glance. It records the small beginnings, the gradual increase in gifts, the large contributions of the Seventy-five Million Campaign, the great achievement in 1928, the Ruby Anniversary Year of the Southern Woman's Missionary Union, and then we have another story, the steady and gradual decrease in gifts from \$345,199.99 to \$221,621.39 the past year.

There are many contributing causes, only one of which we will mention in this report, that is, the situation that is facing our Foreign Mission work. The Woman's Missionary Union had as its objective from the very beginning the work of Foreign Missions. Gradually these activities were enlarged to take in all of our denominational enterprises but the fact remains that Foreign Missions is primarily the incentive of all our efforts. Faced today with a large debt on our Convention, a larger debt on our Foreign Mission Board that is paralyzing all phases of its work, the future of the Woman's Missionary Union is uncertain. Thirty-two of our missionaries have been recently notified that they cannot be returned to their respective fields. These missionaries were sent out and their salaries paid largely by the Christmas Offering of the Woman's Missionary Union. Because the future of our organization depends so largely on the future of our Foreign Mission work, we would ask this Convention to give this matter serious consideration and to take some steps that will lead to a solution of the problems facing our Board at the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Washington in May, 1933.

The Woman's Missionary Union has a remarkable record due, we do not question, to the guidance of our God. We are functioning today as

a money raising organization, notwithstanding depression, debts, and the decrease in gifts to all causes that is not confined to any denomination.

Our special offerings have proved a blessing to our Boards. Dr. Ray of the Foreign Board and Dr. Lawrence of the Home Board have repeatedly testified as to the value of these special seasons of prayer and their gifts, \$2,310,933.85 has been contributed through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering since its beginning in 1888. Many of our pastors do not approve and are not at all in sympathy with these special offerings and are handicapping our efforts by their attitude. With conditions as they are our Boards cannot exist without the special offerings of the Woman's Missionary Union. Because of this fact may we not ask a fuller coöperation on their part. Our organization is complete. We have not only a large membership, Associational organizations in all of our large Associations, but in nearly all of our churches that are having a part in mission work there is a woman's missionary organization.

This past year with its unusual financial situation has shown no decrease in the interest and the activities of our women, and notwithstanding the decrease in gifts there has been much real sacrificial giving.

That the Kingdom may come, and His will may be done through our lives and activities, and that we may pass on to those who follow something of our love to God and our high purpose to serve Him is the dominant aim of our Woman's Missionary Union. Because of that objective we ask the Convention to give to us their sympathetic coöperation in our plans, and to them we pledge our loyal service.

The following statistical record gives an account of receipts and expenditures. We received from the W. M. S., \$188,139.03; Y. W. A., \$16,349.10; G. A., \$7,194.36; R. A., \$4,182.72; Sunbeams, \$5,756.18. Total, \$221,621.39.

Appropriated as follows:

To Foreign Missions .....	\$ 36,535.04
To Christmas Offering .....	14,755.30
To Home Missions .....	13,891.62
To Home Mission Thank Offering .....	9,137.01
To Home Mission Boxes .....	1,433.23
To State Missions .....	26,424.16
To Convention Debt .....	69,600.38
To Margaret Fund .....	967.63
To W. M. U. Training School .....	1,495.12
To Orphanage .....	10,975.57
To Ministerial Relief .....	4,500.72
To Baptist Bible Institute .....	106.00
To Hospital .....	8,408.17
To New Orleans Hospital .....	1,285.91
To South-wide Education .....	7,071.56
To Heck Memorial .....	12,279.66
To Interest, Heck Memorial Fund .....	107.89
To State Expense Fund .....	1,488.04

To W. M. U. Training School Loan Funds Paid .....	\$ 820.00
Allotment to W. M. U. Training School from Coöperative Program .....	338.38
Grand Total .....	<u>\$221,621.39</u>

With sincere appreciation to all who have contributed in any way to the success of our work,

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. N. JONES, *President*,  
 MRS. W. D. BRIGGS, *Recording Secretary*,  
 MRS. EDNA R. HARRIS, *Corresponding Secretary*,  
 MISS ELSIE K. HUNTER, *Treasurer*,  
 MISS ALVA LAWRENCE, *Young People's Leader*.

## V

### The Coöperative Program

#### A. DIVISION OF RECEIPTS

As shown elsewhere in this report the General Board in its March meeting found it necessary to change the allocation of funds. It should be recorded here that the percentage of total funds sent to the treasurer which are designated, shows a slight decrease. In 1931 it was 29%; up until November 1 of this year it was 27%. Thus there appears a tendency which it is hoped will continue viz., an increasing percentage of all gifts to the general or coöperative program fund. Some facts are here given, not by way of a complaint but as information. In the column on the left is shown the per cent which it is thought each object should receive in a well rounded program. On the right is shown the per cent of TOTAL gifts which each object ACTUALLY receives. These figures are for the year 1931 and are based upon a 50-50 division of funds for state and southwide objects.

<i>Object</i>	Per Cent Accord- ing to Action of Convention	Per Cent of Total Funds Actually Received
Debt Service		
Christian Education		
.....	27	20 1/10
State Missions .....	16	16 5/10
N. C. Hospital .....	4	7 5/10
Ministerial Education .....	3	3
Foreign Missions .....	25	27 6/10
Home Missions .....	11 2/3	12 4/10
Ministerial Relief .....	3 1/2	3 3/10
Other Objects .....	9 5/6	9 6/10
	<u>100%</u>	<u>100%</u>

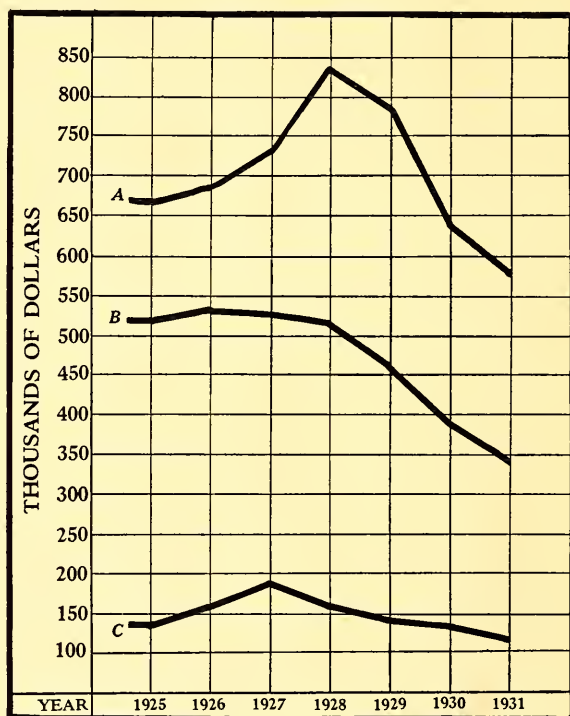
No suggestion is here made concerning the division of funds for 1933. The Debt Advisory Commission has made a report to the General Board



and this Board will, in a separate report, make a recommendation to the Convention.

### B. COMPARISON OF RECEIPTS

A glance at the accompanying graph will serve to raise the question, when will this line assume an upward trend. You will observe that the trend was downward long before the depression came. There are, however, hopeful signs. While our receipts are about 10% short of those of last year, there are 25 associations that had given more up to October 1 of this year than for a similar period last year. These increases are almost wholly in the smaller rural associations; and while the total amount of increase is small, the trend is encouraging. The increase is undoubtedly due to the effort made by the Promotion Committees last year in pressing the Every Member Canvass.



COMPARISON OF GIFTS 1925-1931 INCLUSIVE

- A. Total Gifts to Coöperative Program, Centennial Fund, and Mills Home.
- B. Total Gifts to Coöperative Program.
- C. Total Gifts to Mills Home.

## C. OUR PROMOTION PLANS

Following the general plan of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Convention of 1931 appointed a Promotion Committee of fifteen with Dr. Ira D. S. Knight of Durham as Chairman. The Convention also authorized the transfer of Perry Morgan from the Sunday School Department from August 1 to December 1 for the purpose of preparing for the Every Member Canvass. Accordingly, the Committee met, laid plans, and Brother Morgan began his work immediately. For the past three and one-half months he has given himself without stint to the task of organizing the associations and churches. In certain places, too, he has been assisted by L. L. Morgan. His report follows:

## THE EVERY MEMBER CANVASS

By Perry Morgan, *Promotion Chairman*

North Carolina Baptists are more thoroughly acquainted with the purpose, plan and objective of the Every Member Canvass than they have ever been. Our efforts last year to enlist the churches brought gratifying results. It will take a long time to enlist all of the churches. Some of our people have not caught the significance of this movement. The work thus far, this year, is encouraging and hopeful. There is a deeper current of real interest than has been manifested at any time in the past.

The main objective of the Every Member Canvass is two-fold:

1. The complete enlistment of every member of every church in the regular and systematic support of all the work of Southern Baptists everywhere.
2. The practice of the tithe as the minimum of Christian stewardship.

When these objectives are reached the financial problems of Southern Baptists will come to an end. We all know when our people tithe, enough funds will be gathered to meet the needs of all our Mission Boards and other institutions. In fact, we will be enabled to enlarge our program and extend our Mission operations to proportions beyond our fondest dreams.

In accordance with the instructions of the Convention the Promotion Committee began its work August 1 of organizing the Associations and churches, and enlisting and training our people for the Every Member Canvass. Several channels of approach to the task have been used in this work of enlisting and training.

1. The Committee sought to have the Every Member Canvass presented at the meeting of every District Association. These meetings offered the best method of making contact with the largest number of churches. There were also opportunities for disseminating information, creating enthusiasm and giving inspiration for the movement.

2. The Promotion Chairman called special meetings of pastors, Executive Committee members, Sunday School, Baptist Young People's Union and Woman's Missionary Union leaders. In these small groups the movement was inaugurated in all Associations meeting later than September 23.

3. By September 23 all of the Associations, save two, had selected Promotion Committees consisting of a general chairman, two pastors, one layman, one representative from each the Sunday School, Baptist Young People's Union, and the Woman's Missionary Union.

4. Three District Leadership Training Schools were held at Wilson, Lexington, and Asheville, October 3-7. These schools reached about 400 people. Those reached were pastors, Promotion Chairmen, members of Promotion Committees and volunteers who have taught in Associational schools and will teach in church schools. We had in these schools the assistance of Dr. Charles E. Maddry, Nashville, Tennessee, and Dr. William Harrison Williams, Charlotte. We are indeed grateful to them for the service they rendered.

5. Association-wide Training Schools for Associational Promotion Committees, church Promotion Committees, pastors, Executive Committees and volunteers who agreed to teach later in individual churches were held during October.

6. Training schools were held in October and are being held in individual churches during November for the instruction of church Promotion Committees and those who are to actually make the Canvass as well as the church membership generally.

7. The text book used in these schools is "The Mission Manual," A Handbook for the Every Member Canvass, by Dr. Charles E. Maddry, Executive Secretary of the Promotion Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

8. Pledge cards have been provided free by the General Board of Missions, Education and Benevolence to churches desiring them.

The following "Canvass Calendar" or Schedule of Activities has been used thus far for promoting the movement and will be the general program through November 27-December 4:

#### AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER—Organization Months.

##### *Objectives:*

1. The selection of all Associational Promotion Committees and, as far as possible, all church Promotion Committees by September 20.
2. The circulation of the *Biblical Recorder* greatly extended through the membership of the churches.

#### OCTOBER—Enlistment and Associational Training School Month.

##### *Objectives:*

1. The enlisting of all the churches in the Every Member Canvass movement.

2. Awakening our membership to an earnest, prayerful and expectant coöperation.
3. The training of all Associational and Church Promotion Committees.

*Special Days:*

- Oct. 5-7—Three or more Leadership Training Schools in convenient centers for Associational Chairmen and Volunteer workers.  
Oct. 10-21—Associational Leadership Training Schools for Associational and Church Committees and pastors.  
Oct. 26—Day of prayer.

NOVEMBER—Information, Church Training Schools and Canvass Month.

*Objectives:*

1. The informing of the church membership concerning the details of the Canvass and the interests included in it.
2. The training of local church committees for this work.
3. The making of the Canvass.

*Special Days:*

- Oct. 30-Nov. 4—Local Church Training Schools for all church committees and membership generally.  
Nov. 15-17—Baptist State Convention, Charlotte.  
Nov. 27-Dec. 4—Every Member Canvass made.

*Objectives:*

The pressing of the Canvass until every Baptist is enlisted in the financial support of the local work and the coöperative work of Southern Baptists.

Coming to realize the fact that the Every Member Canvass is the only salvation of our work, humanly speaking, it has gripped the attention of our people and there seems to be a deep conviction wherever the movement is presented that it is the one thing that will save not only our churches but individual members of the churches from financial and spiritual disaster.

An encouraging fact is that pastors and other local workers have done the teaching in the training schools, both in the Associations and in individual churches. This is as it should be for who is better prepared to lead people in any Association in this worthwhile movement than the local pastor and other leaders who are close to the churches. There has been no expense incurred by the Promotion Committee in conducting these schools. It has been a voluntary work. Associations inviting an outsider to teach in their schools have provided for the expense of such teacher.

As this report was written before the end of October it was impossible to tell how many churches have held or will hold training schools. This information will possibly be given before the State Convention Annual is published and distributed. If it can be done it will be done.

There is no doubt about whether or not every cause fostered by our Convention and every Board and institution of the Convention as well as the churches themselves will be greatly benefitted by this movement

wherever it is embraced and used by the churches. The results of the Canvass last year have been shown in several Associations where it was widely used in the fact that they are ahead in gifts to the Coöperative Program as compared with their gifts of last year.

November 27-December 4 is the time designated for the Every Member Canvass in all the churches. There are many reasons why the Canvass should be pushed with more vigor in all the churches than last year. In the first place it is scriptural; second, it is practical; third, it gets results; fourth, one cannot worship God worthily without bringing his gifts to the Lord; fifth, North Carolina Baptists will baptize twenty to twenty-five thousand new converts this year and for their sakes the Canvass should be complete and they be given a chance to have a part in all the work of the Kingdom. We urge that it be this year "An Every Member Canvass in deed and in truth."

We acknowledge our indebtedness to the pastors, moderators, Executive Committees, and other church leaders along with a great host of volunteers who have assisted in the work and give all the credit to them for what has been done.

#### D. WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

The best minds and finest spirits in our membership in the South are profoundly convinced that the Every Member Canvass provides the best, if not the only, way by which an adequate Program, local, statewide and worldwide, can be adequately supported. Our experiences thus far confirm our convictions. However, a State Promotion Chairman and the Promotion Committee in the associations exist for a part of the year only. Two serious dangers inhere in this arrangement. First, there is the danger that great efforts will be expended in securing subscriptions in the fall and no concerted effort expended in their collection, and secondly, the danger that our Promotion plans will come to be thought of solely as efforts to raise money. That would be tragic. Should not these Promotion Committees in the associations concern themselves in promoting all phases of the work in which churches must coöperate? And should there not be a Promotion Secretary whose business it would be during the WHOLE of the year to guide and stimulate these Committees? Herein is a task that must be done. There are probably between two hundred and three hundred thousand of our four hundred thousand members who do not make offerings with any regularity. An increase yearly in the number who give regularly and systematically is absolutely essential to our State Mission task as well as to all others. And let us remember that we have debts which must be paid. While keeping faith with our creditors, it would be tragic to strangle our educational and evangelistic activities. An increase in the number of those who support the whole Program of Christ, that is our Denomina-



tional Program, can be had. But wishing for it and hoping for it will not bring results. Strong Committees in the associations are willing to work. But they must have guidance and stimulation. A Promotion Secretary is demanded by the situation which faces us. Economy, practiced here, would in reality not be economy at all.

## VI

### Miscellaneous Items

#### A. SUMMER SCHOOL FOR PREACHERS

The School for Preachers was held again this year with splendid results. The spirit was fine and many who attended expressed the belief that it was one of the most helpful sessions held since the beginning of this feature of our State Mission work. It is our feeling that the money used in bringing our preachers together each year for instruction is wisely invested. We find that those who come year by year and keep informed about the work of our Convention go back to their fields and lead their people to support our organized work in a greater way. Under the leadership of Dr. B. W. Spilman we expect next year's session to be the greatest one in the history of the School.

#### B. THE BAPTIST BOOK SHOP

The Book Shop is owned jointly by our General Board and the Sunday School Board of Nashville, Tennessee. It is operated primarily for the convenience of the pastors and other leaders of our work in North Carolina. While the sales for the past year are less by \$3,331.56 than last, it will be noted that all expenses and bills are paid and a small margin of profit shown.

By authority of the Historical Commission, Dr. Paschal's History of North Carolina Baptists is being offered during the month of November, 1932, for \$1.65 (by mail \$1.75). This is a reduction from \$3.00. It is earnestly hoped that many will avail themselves of this opportunity to secure this scholarly and fascinating contribution to the History of a great people.

The report of Mrs. Roger Marshall, the efficient Manager, follows:

#### REPORT BAPTIST BOOK SHOP

Mrs. Roger P. Marshall, *Manager*

Net sales for the year ending April 30, 1932, amounted to \$27,992.28, with a net profit of \$756.25. The amount paid out to the two boards owning the Book Shop in dividends during the year amounted to \$1,548.04, one half of this amount having been paid to each board.

It may be seen from this that the Book Shop is operating on a paying basis. The total net worth at April 30, 1932 was \$14,728.20, with no unpaid bills. During the seven years under the present partnership a total profit of \$18,093.71 has been paid out to both boards. One half of this amount, \$9,046.82, has been paid the North Carolina Board, which means that the Book Shop is a distinct asset and a denominational investment.

The Book Shop handles all supplies for every department of the church, as well as a complete line of general and religious books and Bibles. By means of the catalogues at our disposal, we can secure any book in print.

It is our desire to serve North Carolina Baptists promptly and efficiently, and we covet your continued patronage and support.

Write for free catalogues.

### C. REPORT OF HISTORICAL COMMISSION

W. R. CULLOM

During the past year the Commission has lost several of its staunchest, most loyal and most helpful friends. Two of these lived in Henderson, N. C., were members of and fellow deacons in the same church, were keenly alive to the importance of collecting and preserving historical data, and for many years had rendered valuable and constructive help in this particular field. One of these was Hon. Thomas M. Pittman, LL.D., and the other was Hon. John T. Alderman. The matter of developing interest in North Carolina Baptist history perhaps owes more to these two men than to any men that have lived amongst us in this generation. Dr. J. D. Hufham, Dr. A. B. Cobb, Dr. T. J. Taylor and others labored with them in earlier days. To all of these men of God this Commission feels itself greatly indebted. So do the Baptists of the State on whose behalf the Commission is serving. They served well their day and generation and their works do follow them and will continue to follow them in blessed fruitfulness. May the rest of us carry on in the spirit of intelligent interest, of prayerful purpose, and of indefatigable industry which characterized them.

A third friend of the Commission whose labors amongst us have been transferred to another field of endeavor is Dr. Chas. E. Maddy. Of course we shall continue to share in his interest and have his coöperation in this worthy task as far as may be practicable in connection with his new task in Richmond and among Southern Baptists. We shall not, however, be able to have him put himself directly into the matter of furthering the special work of this Commission as has been his wont for the past ten years and more. It was under his direct oversight that the

first volume of our history has been produced, published and offered to our people. The Commission hereby records its grateful recognition of his thoughtful, intelligent and sympathetic efforts in the task which the Convention has committed to them. We bespeak for him the rich blessing of God in the new task to which he has set his hand!

During the past summer Dr. A. C. Garwood of Stetson University spent a few days at Wake Forest in pursuit of data for his doctor's thesis at Yale. Dr. Garwood is working on Baptist Education in the South. He said he found more help in what we are calling our "Baptist Collection" in the Wake Forest library than in any other place. We would call special attention to this collection and urge our people to send their old church records, historical pamphlets, and anything that pertains to our history to Mrs. Ethel Taylor Crittenden, Librarian, Wake Forest, N. C., that she may file such documents away with this Baptist Collection in our fire-proof vaults. Individuals or churches may retain the ownership of such documents if they prefer and just file them with us for safe keeping. The Commission would make grateful acknowledgment of valuable gifts to this Collection during the past year to the following: Mrs. T. M. Pittman, Henderson; Miss Georgia C. La Coste, Warrenton; Mr. J. C. Birdsong, Raleigh; Prof. J. T. Alderman, Henderson; Rev. J. G. Blalock, Wake Forest; Rev. H. T. Wright, Crewe, Virginia; Dr. Chas. E. Maddry, Nashville, Tenn.; Miss Leonita Denmark, Raleigh; and others. These friends are helping greatly to enrich the Baptist Collection and are at the same time laying a good foundation for our future historian. We hope the good example of these friends will be followed by others.

#### D. REPORT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST FOUNDATION

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1932

Theodore S. Johnson, *Secretary*

At the close of business, October 31, 1932, The North Carolina Baptist Foundation was administering seventeen trusts in the aggregate value of \$135,948.06 which represents a decrease of \$6,726.53 from the sum reported last year. This decrease is caused by the withdrawal from the Foundation of the Denmark Loan Fund of Wake Forest College which had been administered by the Foundation until this year and which at the close of the fiscal year had a value of \$5,652.06. One new trust was accepted, that of the will of Nannie L. McLean for the benefit of Aged Baptist Ministers, with a value of \$466.25. This change in the trusts caused a net loss in value of \$5,185.81. The remainder of the loss in value was caused by a loss in value of investments of \$1,540.72.

The present active trusts are as follows:

1. Two vacant lots in Sunset Park, Wilmington, N. C., valued at \$900.00 the gift of Brother W. L. Carter of Greensboro—object undesignated. The cash balance in this fund is \$50.53 representing interest on balance less commission.

2. The endowment fund for the relief of Aged Ministers of North Carolina. The present value of this fund is \$40,013.64 and from this fund an income of \$1,514.71 has been paid to the General Board.

3. This fund in the original amount of \$5,000.00 from the Estate of Noah Biggs has a present value of \$6,053.68 and the income of \$244.17 has been paid to the General Board to support Mission work in the Roanoke Association.

4. This fund, in the original amount of \$5,000.00 from the estate of Noah Biggs has a present value of \$5,095.96 and the income amounting to \$272.09 has been paid to the General Board for the purpose of assisting church edifice work in the Roanoke Association.

5. A fund, provided also from the Estate of Noah Biggs (the original amount being \$2,500.00) is held as an endowment for the relief of Aged Ministers. The present value of this fund is \$2,836.88, including cash balances of \$86.88 and income in the amount of \$148.29 has been paid to the General Board.

6. This fund established also by the will of Noah Biggs in the principal amount of \$2,500.00 is established for the purposes of Ministerial Education. It has a present value of \$2,513.75 and income from the fund in the amount of \$101.49 has been paid to the General Board.

7. A house and lot in Newland, Avery County, North Carolina, valued at \$10,000 and subject to an annuity of \$120.00, payable in monthly installments of \$10.00 each payable by the Mission Board of the Baptist State Convention, during the lives of Brother D. P. Bridges and his wife, Mrs. Octa Bridges. No income was received from this trust.

8. A fund, having a present value of \$2,122.42, including cash on hand of \$172.42 is held for the benefit of the Mills Home. The donor wishes his name withheld. At the request of the Mills Home the income from this fund which is held as a memorial in perpetual trust, is being accumulated.

9. Two lots in Sunset Park, Wilmington, N. C., the gift of Brother W. L. Carter, to be sold as soon as practicable and the proceeds held for the Orphanage (Mills Home). The tax value of these lots is \$1,800.00.

10. Two lots in Sunset Park, Wilmington, N. C., also the gift of Brother W. L. Carter, to be sold as soon as practicable and the proceeds held for the Winston-Salem Baptist Hospital. These lots have a tax value of \$1,800.00.

11. A certain remainder interest in the Susan A. Hurdle Farm in Edgemcombe County, N. C., subject to the life estate of Mr. E. J. Hurdle,

the value of which remainder interest is carried on the books of the Foundation at its tax value of \$10,852.40.

12. A fund now amounting to \$5,652.06 which has been held for several years by the foundation, acting as agent for the Treasurer of the Denmark Loan Fund of Wake Forest College has been transferred from the care of the Foundation and therefore no report from this fund is included in the summary of the Foundation funds. At the time of its withdrawal, the fund consisted of Investments of \$4,470.00, Cash Principal of \$460.16 and Cash Income of \$721.90.

13. A fund with total value of \$788.39 (including Cash \$89.39) established by the Gaston County Baptist Association. The income from this fund, amounting this year to \$38.10 was paid to Boiling Springs Junior College for the assistance of Ministerial Students.

14. A fund received from the estate of the Rev. G. H. Church to be held by the Foundation and the income to be divided, one-half to go to the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage (Mills Home) and one-half to the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. This fund has a present value of \$9,072.81 and income amounting to \$244.82 has been paid to Mills Home and \$244.81 has been paid to the Mission Board for the support of native missionaries in China.

15. A fund now amounting to \$26,152.67, received from the estate of Mrs. Ida Y. Rogers, to be held in perpetual trust and the income from which is to be paid to the Mills Home. Income from this fund in the amount of \$777.82 has been paid to the Mills Home.

16. A fund with a present value of \$15,323.90 established under the will of Mr. P. D. Camp in the original amount of \$15,000.00, the income from which is to be divided, one-half for the benefit of Retired and superannuated ministers and one-half for the education of young men and women of the Baptist Denomination.

Income from this fund in a total amount of \$431.06 was paid to the General Board to be divided as provided in the trust.

17. A fund having a present value of \$104.78 established by Eph Whisenhunt of Elkin, N. C., for the benefit of State Missions and known as the Yates Manley Whisenhunt Memorial Fund. This income from this fund was not expended this year.

18. During the year the Foundation received from the General Board \$450.00 in Baptist Convention 6% Bonds and \$15.95 cash principal, the same to be established as a trust for the benefit of Aged Baptist Ministers, under the provisions of the will of Nannie L. McLean.

A summary of the seventeen trusts above enumerated shows that during the last fiscal year the Foundation has distributed \$4,030.76 in income to the various beneficiaries and has on hand \$1,078.67 (net balance) in cash in the income account available for later distribution.

The Foundation is thus finishing its twelfth year of existence. Dur-



ing this period it has distributed \$10,365.00 of principal and \$33,774.35 in income among our Baptist objects, institutions and agencies. With the cash income on hand the Foundation has distributed a grand total of \$45,218.02.

The Foundation has for this year paid the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, which has from the beginning served as Fiscal Agent, \$246.97 as commission for administering the funds and has paid out \$876.21 for Administrative Expense. The invested funds are distributed as follows:

Real Estate .....	\$ 34,965.59
Baptist Convention Bonds .....	10,450.00
Meredith College Bonds .....	5,150.00
Industrial Bonds .....	14,100.00
Preferred Stocks .....	24,800.00
Common Stock .....	300.00
Notes secured by Deeds of Trust .....	44,953.91
Total Investments .....	\$134,719.50

Of the total funds of the Foundation \$108,317.93 may be said to be active funds and on this basis the average return on these funds was 3.72%.

Following the action of the last General Convention, with relation to the Estate of Brother T. N. Oakley, of Person County, the Directors of the Foundation communicated with the Clerk of the Superior Court of Person County and formally declined to serve as Trustee for this fund and recommended the appointment of the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company as Trustee, thus carrying out the provisions of the Will of the donor and the expressed action of the Convention. This action was confirmed by the Court, thus closing the Foundation's connection with this matter.

The only new trust to be established by the Foundation was that set up by the will of the late Nannie L. McLean of Anson County, whereby she bequeathed one-tenth of all her personal property "to be used, both principal and interest, in the aid and relief of aged ministers of the Baptist Denomination in the State of North Carolina." This fund was given to the State Mission Board, but by the further authority of the will, the fund was transferred to the Foundation. The account of the Executor of the will indicates that certain notes and judgments are still in his possession, which when collected will be paid into this fund.

The Foundation is the residual beneficiary of the Estate of Brother Thomas F. Pettus, of Wilson, former Director of the Foundation. The will provides for the support of his wife Mrs. Sue Blount Pettus, during her lifetime. The Trustee, the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, found it necessary to borrow certain sums to meet obligations of Estate and sought proper legal authority for making this loan. The Foundation answered the action by expressing its approval of the action of the

Trustee, as one of the beneficiaries and this authority was granted by the Superior Court of Wilson County. By resolution the Directors further expressed their approval of the execution of a loan from the funds of the Foundation, by the Fiscal Agent, in the amount of \$10,000.00, secured by first mortgages on certain property belonging to the estate.

At a time when the Convention was in great need of money with which to meet obligations falling due, by vote of the Directors, the Fiscal agent was authorized to sell certain securities and invest the proceeds in the bonds of the Convention. The table above given shows that the total investment in these bonds is now \$10,450.00.

In order to see that the income from various trusts was paid to the person responsible for the designated enterprise and to assure the Directors that these sums would be applied as nearly as possible in accordance with the benefactor's wishes, a review of the practice of the Treasurer of the Convention and the Fiscal agent, was made and the Directors are confident that in all particulars these payments have been and are now being made in faithful accordance with the trust imposed in the Foundation.

We wish to repeat our recommendation, which has been annually made for several years, namely, for the appointment of some person to act as a representative of the foundation and to work for the development and growth of the Foundation which we sincerely believe means a very great deal for the future support and security of the Denominational work in our State.

## VII

### Recommendations

1. That the General Board be instructed to continue the plan, which has been begun so auspiciously, and which looks toward the solution of our State Mission problem in the Eastern and Western sections of our state. (See Division I, B 2, Division I, B 6, and Division I, B 7).

2. That the Convention authorize the continuance of the work which has been begun with the Negro Baptists on a basis at least as liberal as that followed during the past summer. (See Division I, B 4).

3. That the Summer School for Preachers be continued at the smallest possible cost to the denomination. (See Division VI A).

4. That the Indian work be continued, if at all possible, on the basis of the present arrangement. (See Division I, B 3).

5. That J. M. Page be continued as Building Evangelist, with the understanding that he undertake also such other tasks as may be assigned him by the General Board or the General Secretary at times when his services are not demanded by the churches. (See Division I, B 9).

6. That the work at Oteen be continued, provided other states of the

South lend their assistance and the plan of support and direction now given by the Buncombe Association be continued. (See Division I, B 5).

7. That the Convention instruct the General Board to provide for a Promotion Secretary, whose duties will be the promotion of all denominational activities among the churches, in particular, the Every Member Canvass and the organization of the men in our churches. Provided, however that if, in view of reduced income, this appears unwise, the General Secretary be instructed to transfer Brother Perry Morgan from the Sunday School Department during the months of August-November, 1933, inclusive for the purpose of promoting the Every Member Canvass. (See Division I, B 6 and Division V, D).

8. That the Convention designate the months of February and March, preferably, as *Recorder* months during which a concerted effort will be made to increase the circulation of the *Recorder*, and that the Departments of Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. be requested to direct their efforts toward the attainment of this end. (See Division I, B 6).













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